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Spain premier begins official talks in Riyadh

RAJDH, May 5 (Agencies) — King Faisal met with Spain's Minister Adolfo Suarez Gonzalez on a two-day visit to the Kingdom for political and economic talks.

Suarez was received earlier in the day by Prince Fahd, Riyadh Governor Prince in, Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman Al-Mansoori and Madrid Sheikh Al-Mansoori and Riyadh Mayor Al-Nuaimi.

Mansoori said the visit, the first by a Spanish deputy prime minister and commander of the National Guard and many other ministers and senior officials, will aim at strengthening the "already existent" relations between the two countries in various fields.

King Fahd gave a dinner in honor of which was attended by Prince Abdul-Rauf Al-Kasim, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard and many other ministers and senior officials, and

arrived here from Damascus, at a three-day official visit to Syria where he talks with President Hafez Assad and Prince Abdul-Rauf Al-Kasim. Before leaving Damascus, Suarez described his talks as "productive," producing agreement in views on

the need for a permanent peace in the Middle East."

Al-Kasim, who saw Suarez off at Damascus Airport, said their talks yielded "excellent results." Informal sources in Damascus said the two sides agreed in principle to double their volume of trade, which stood at \$110 million in 1979.

Spain traditionally has run a trade deficit with the Arab world, mainly because of oil imports. Despite the difficulties for Spanish exporters caused by this trade deficit and by the increasing competition from other European nations for Arab trade, Spain's commercial authorities have been engaged recently in a wide-ranging activity aimed at reducing the deficit.

But Spain's trade deficit with the Kingdom has been increasing since 1977, when it imported approximately \$1.77 billion and exported \$125.7 million in trade with Saudi Arabia — a deficit of almost \$1.64 billion. In 1979, Spain's imports from the Kingdom grew to \$2.24 billion, but exports to the Kingdom grew to only \$378 million — a deficit of some \$1.86 billion.



PRESIDES: King Khaled presides over a meeting of the Council of Ministers, which he chaired. The contents of the third five-year plan were announced at the session.

West Bank in turmoil Court rules expulsion illegal

TEL AVIV, May 5 (Agencies) — Israel's Supreme Court ruled Monday that Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and West Bank military Governor Gen. Benjamin Ben-Eliyahu could not expel four Palestinian leaders from the West Bank.

Hebron doctor and member of the Palestinian National Council Ahmad Hamzeh Natcheh, Bethlehem deputy Mayor Georges Hazboun, Engineers' Union president Ibrahim Dakak, and Lawyers' Association President Jeries Khoury, were rumored to be on a list for deportation following Friday's attack on a group of Jewish settlers in Hebron in which six Israelis were killed.

The four appealed to the Israeli court to prevent such action, and the court agreed that there was no cause for their expulsion.

In Ramallah, a town in the occupied West Bank Israeli forces Monday fired tear gas to break up a demonstration of Arab, high school girls, military sources said.

The girls had blocked a nearby road with burning tires, the sources said.

The Israeli army made several arrests early Monday in the West Bank where the atmosphere was reported to be tense.

In the Arab sector of East Jerusalem six persons suspected of forcing Arab traders to close their shops were arrested, Israeli radio reported, adding that most of the city's traders came from Hebron.

At Neve Yaakov, near Ramallah, an Israeli bus was stoned and three Arabs were arrested, the radio added.

Meanwhile, a curfew imposed on the Palestinian refugee camp at Nur-Shams, near Tulkarem, was ended. But the Israeli detained several score residents of the Nur-Shams refugee camp near Tulkarem suspected of

stoning Israeli vehicles Sunday night. One stone hit the military Governor of Tulkarem, Lt. Col. Shalom Musan, who was slightly wounded.

A commercial strike broke out in the town of Halhoul, whose Mayor Muhammad Milhem was among three Palestinian leaders deported Saturday. Israeli soldiers ordered merchants to open shops.

Later the curfew on the refugee camp was lifted and all but two detainees were released, the sources said.

Israeli troops and Palestinian students clashed in the West Bank Monday as Israel prepared to bury four of the six victims of Friday's attack.

Defense Minister Ezer Weizman was to report to Israel's parliament later on the attack in Hebron. Right-wing settlement supporters and residents of the Kiryat Arba settlement near Hebron have blamed Weizman for not preventing the attack.

Troops also prevented residents of Kiryat Arba from entering Hebron, which was under curfew for the third consecutive day as security authorities continued their search for as many as six local Arabs believed to have carried out the attack.

Some settlers from Kiryat Arba got into fistfights with soldiers Sunday, after the soldiers refused to let them leave their suburbs, the state radio said. But the military permitted a small group of children and their parents to visit the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the center of Hebron, to celebrate a Jewish holiday.

Israeli moderates, notably Weizman, have cautioned against over-severe retaliation, arguing that it could foment further violence.

London captors free 5th hostage

LONDON, May 5 (R) — A siege of the Iranian embassy in London was in its sixth day Monday and police, after talking again to gunmen holding about 20 hostages, expressed rising hopes for a peaceful outcome.

"We are encouraged," a police spokesman said. "We have got five hostages out, we're still talking and the hostage-takers are cool, calculated."

Syrian journalist Mustapha Karkouti, 37, who works for the Beirut daily *Al-Saqqa*, became the fifth captive to be released late Sunday night, suffering from a stomach complaint, staggered into the street.

Britain's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Hurd, seeking the help of Arab diplomats in an attempt to break the deadlock, Monday had discussions with Jordanian ambassador Ibrahim Izzidin.

Up to five gunmen, who seized the

Iran hands over American bodies

TEHRAN, May 5 (Agencies) — The bodies of eight American servicemen who died in the abortive commando raid on Iran were handed over Monday to a representative of Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci. Officials at Tehran's city morgue, where the bodies have been held since April 28 after being returned from the central Iranian desert left with the bodies for Mebrabad International Airport.

The American hostages in Iran probably

Choi, South Korea president, to visit Kingdom

RIYADH, May 5 (Agencies) — The President of South Korea Choi Kyu-Hah will visit Saudi Arabia from May 11 to May 13 at the invitation of King Khaled, it was announced Monday.

The two leaders will hold talks on the current international situation and matters of mutual interest. They will discuss ways of further strengthening relations and cooperation.

Hughes Corporation removed from boycott list

AMMAN, May 5 (AP) — The Arab Boycott Office has decided to remove from its blacklist the name of the U.S. Hughes Corporation, to clear the way for its participation in bidding for the Arab telecommunication satellite project, officials said here.

The office sets rules on boycotting foreign firms that deal with Israel.

Representatives of Arab League member

states attended a meeting here and decided last Wednesday to "resolve the dilemma facing the Arab committee" by de-blacklisting the American firm, the same officials said.

Only one "feasible bid" for the \$100 million ArabSat project came from a West European consortium led by British Aerospace Corporation.

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Nazer says

New plan focuses on economic change

RIYADH, May 5 (SPA) — Minister of Planning Sheikh Hisham Nazer said the Kingdom's third five-year development plan concentrates on projects that will have a direct effect on the lives of citizens.

The minister's statement came during a television broadcast after a Council of Ministers meeting, in which King Khaled ratified SR782 billion for the plan. King Khaled praised those who drafted the plan under the leadership of Sheikh Nazer.

Commenting on the plan, Nazer said that more than SR6 billion has been allocated for the municipalities, more than SR 20 billion for housing, SR 37 billion for housing programs in the military sectors, nearly SR 53 billion for electricity and as much for water and desalination projects.

Sheikh Nazer said the plan was the first development program geared to the productive sector and attempting to change the country's economic structure. He added that it was a matter of pride that the previous two plans have realized big achievements in a record time.

The minister said he was charged by the Council of Ministers to convey to the citizens the general characteristics of this plan and the bases on which it has been founded. He added that after detailed study of the development strategy, the Council issued a resolution on 14/8/1399 H (July 8, 1979) that will:

(1) Determine the general objectives of the third development plan as follows:

(a) To safeguard the Islamic values and to enforce and propagate the divine laws;

(b) To defend faith and homeland and to maintain the country's peace and stability;

(c) To continue balanced development of the economic resources, to increase long-term oil revenue and to preserve the depleting resources;

(d) To minimize dependence on the export of oil as the principal source of revenue;

(e) To develop manpower in education and training and to raise the general health standard, and

(f) To complete the necessary infrastructure to realize the general objectives.

(2) Following an economic policy that

(3) To educate the people on the objectives and requirements of development through social programs, so they can help in the achievement of the goals of the plan's objectives.

(4) To follow a fiscal and monetary policy that enables to achieve the planned growth rate of the various sectors with control over inflation.

(5) To preserve the national capital by ensuring and supporting the programs of maintenance.

(6) To introduce basic changes in the present government system, to develop the method of work in such a way as to derive maximum advantage from the available manpower and to ensure a better standard of performance in conformity with the role of the government machinery in the realization of the plan's objectives.

(7) To educate the people on the objectives and requirements of development through social programs, so they can help in the achievement of the goals of the plan's objectives.

(8) To follow an oil and gas production policy that ensures the preservation of national wealth for a long time and to use the produced quantity in such a way as to give increased value as much as possible.

S. Yemen chief invited to Kingdom

JEDDAH, May 5 (SPA) — King Khaled has extended an invitation to South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad to visit Saudi Arabia, the country's Defense Minister Prince Sultan said Monday.

Prince Sultan, who inspected King Faisal Naval Base here made the statement at the same time North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh denied that there are any

differences between his country and Saudi Arabia.

On the aborted American military operation in Iran to rescue 50 Americans held hostage at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, the prince, who is also the minister of aviation, reiterated the Kingdom's official statement that the Saudi Arabian people denounce the operation. "We call for understanding which is in the area's interest," he said.

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Algoosaibi tells Arab-Americans Kingdom a unique democracy

WASHINGTON, May 5 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has shunned both capitalism and socialism, but made use of some of the best features of both systems to come out with a happy blend that is good for its people, Dr. Ghazi Algoosaibi, minister of industry and electricity said.

Addressing the National Association of Arab-Americans here last Saturday, Gosaibi said that the Kingdom enjoys a system of free enterprise, which is the major advantage of capitalism. At the same time, the state intervenes to promote social services as is the case in socialist systems.

Saudi Arabia has a democratic system that distinguishes it from any other country, the minister said. Its democracy and march towards development and scientific research, which began some 30 years ago, are ini-

The first girls' school was opened in 1960; now there are 3,000 girls' schools. In less than five years, more than 2,000 villages were electrified; 15,000 kilometers of road were surfaced; more than 700,000 telephone sets were installed, and more than 300,000 housing units were erected. The largest industrial complex in the world — the gas liquefaction project — is nearing completion, and the Jubail and Yanbu petrochemical scheme is about to go into operation. Algoosaibi said.

The official ridiculed foreign reporting of the seizure of the Meccan Haram by a group of fanatics at the beginning of the new Hijra year. "When I was in the United States and saw their coverage, I read so many versions that I thought I was reading science fiction books. Therefore I wouldn't be surprised if after a while I read that a Saudi official has finally admitted the truth: it was a conspiracy, an invasion attempt from outer-space," he said.

"Anyhow, the future of Saudi Arabia depends on fishermen in the Red Sea, farmers in Al-Qasim, and businessmen in Al-Khobar, not on speculations and prophecies by journalists with most unreliable sources," he added.

But, he said, ignorance is not the only reason for the attack Saudi Arabia is subjected to on the part of foreign media. If it (Saudi Arabia) adopts a sentimental stand towards the Egyptian-Israeli romantic story, many a foreign writer and politician would adopt a cordial attitude towards Saudi Arabia, Algoosaibi joked.

He asserted that the prime objective of Saudi Arabia's foreign policy was the establishment of peace in the Middle East, but a peace based on justice, otherwise it would be meaningless, he said.

That we call it nationalism, communism or Camp Davidism, occupation is occupation, even if we label it autonomy. We must call a spade a spade, he added. Self-rule means that while the colonialist state enjoys sovereignty, the citizens are allowed to look after their own gardens, set up their own sewage systems, and collect their own traffic tickets — What a generosity!" he said.

He said there are now more than 150 independent states in the world, some of them with less than 100,000 inhabitants on a few kilometers area. The racist hypothesis that solely the Palestinians, unlike all the other peoples of the world, cannot live without the tutelage of retired terrorists with harmful thoughts cannot stand, because it is politically non viable. For peace to be established, a choice must be made between the grant of independence to Palestinians and more wars. One has to choose between land and peace, Algoosaibi concluded.



Dr. Ghazi Algoosaibi

mately associated with Islamic tenets; and this is why in Saudi Arabia women do not drive cars; this is why there are no bars, night clubs or cinemas; this is why anybody can raise a case against the state at the Sharia court; this is why anybody who feels like it can lunch with the King; and this is why ministers spend 70 per cent of their time dealing with individual grievances. Algoosaibi said.

Unlike many so-called revolutionary systems that make promises that are never fulfilled, which utter big slogans and, in fact, do a little, Saudi Arabia acts, the minister also said.

When Crown Prince Fahd became minister of education, 25 years ago, there were only three schools in Saudi Arabia — now there are 1.3 million students. When Riyadh University was established in 1958, it had less than 50 students; now there are 60,000 undergraduates in the Kingdom and 15,000 Saudi students undertaking studies in the United States.



INSPECTION: Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan inspects units from the King Faisal Navy Base.

Telephone company expands international dialing service

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 5 — Saudi Telephone's International Subscriber dialing is now available to all subscribers, residences and businesses, sources reported Monday.

Saudi Telephone subscribers are receiving application forms for international subscriber dialing with the first quarter invoices currently being distributed. There is no charge for connecting the service and no minimum international calling requirement, a company spokesman said.

He added that subscribers who wish to have "OO" dialing connected to their tele-

phone lines, need only to fill out this application form and bring it with them to the Saudi Telephone payment office when they pay their accounts. The payment office attendant will accept the application and the service will be connected within a short period of time.

International subscriber dialing allows subscribers to place international calls without the assistance of an operator to more than 70 countries in Saudi Telephone's ISD network. Normal long distance rates apply for the calls.

The number of international subscribers now stands at 17,250 with the majority in Riyadh, 8,550; Jeddah, 4,500 and 2,600 in Dammam and Hofuf. In 1979 the total number of subscribers totaled 590.

The number of international calls for the first quarter was 2.3 million or an average 25,500 — double the number of calls made during the first quarter of last year. The top three countries to which calls were made are the United Kingdom with 2,682 calls per day, the United States with 2,669 calls per day and Egypt with 1,400 calls. The billable value of international calls last quarter of 1980 was SR186 million while in the same period last year it was SR71 million.

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Tuesday	Mecca	Medina	Nejd
Fajr	4.29	4.22	3.56
Ishraq	5.52	5.41	5.23
Dhuhr	12.24	12.25	11.57
Asr	3.44	3.52	3.23
Maghreb	6.50	6.55	6.26
Isha	8.20	8.25	7.56

WEATHER

Moderate weather will prevail in most parts of the Kingdom. Winds will blow mostly northwesterly to northeasterly. Cumulus cloud will cover parts of the Eastern Province and the Western and southwestern slopes causing rain showers.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be calm to choppy.

Monday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade):

Mecca	39	26
Jeddah	34	25
Riyadh	40	26
Dhahran	37	27
Medina	36	24
Taif	33	18
Jizan	35	15
Hail	29	15
Turaif	27	11
Qaisumah	35	23
Sulayil	41	26
Ahfa	27	13

Research exchange discussed

Qatar educators visit Dhahran

DAMMAM, May 5 (SPA) — A Qatari educational delegation arrived in Dhahran Monday on a short visit to the Eastern Province during which the delegation held talks with Dr. Muhammad Said Qahtani, rector of King Faisal University of Dammam.

The delegation, representing the University of Qatar, visited the Faculty of Medicine and Medical Sciences and the Faculty of Architecture and Planning of King Faisal University.

During its meeting with Dr. Qahtani, the delegation discussed educational, administrative, and technical issues related to university work. The talks also covered exchange of research and experts between the two universities.

The Qatari delegation comprises Kamal Abbas Naji, chancellor of the University of Qatar, and Prof. Ahmad Khairi Kazem, technical advisor for UNESCO and director of th

king of the university of Qatar.

The delegation was to leave later evening after the one-day visit.

Meanwhile, King Faisal University is ing on a recreational project for the u

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Al Khobar. The project will have houses for individuals and families and facilities.

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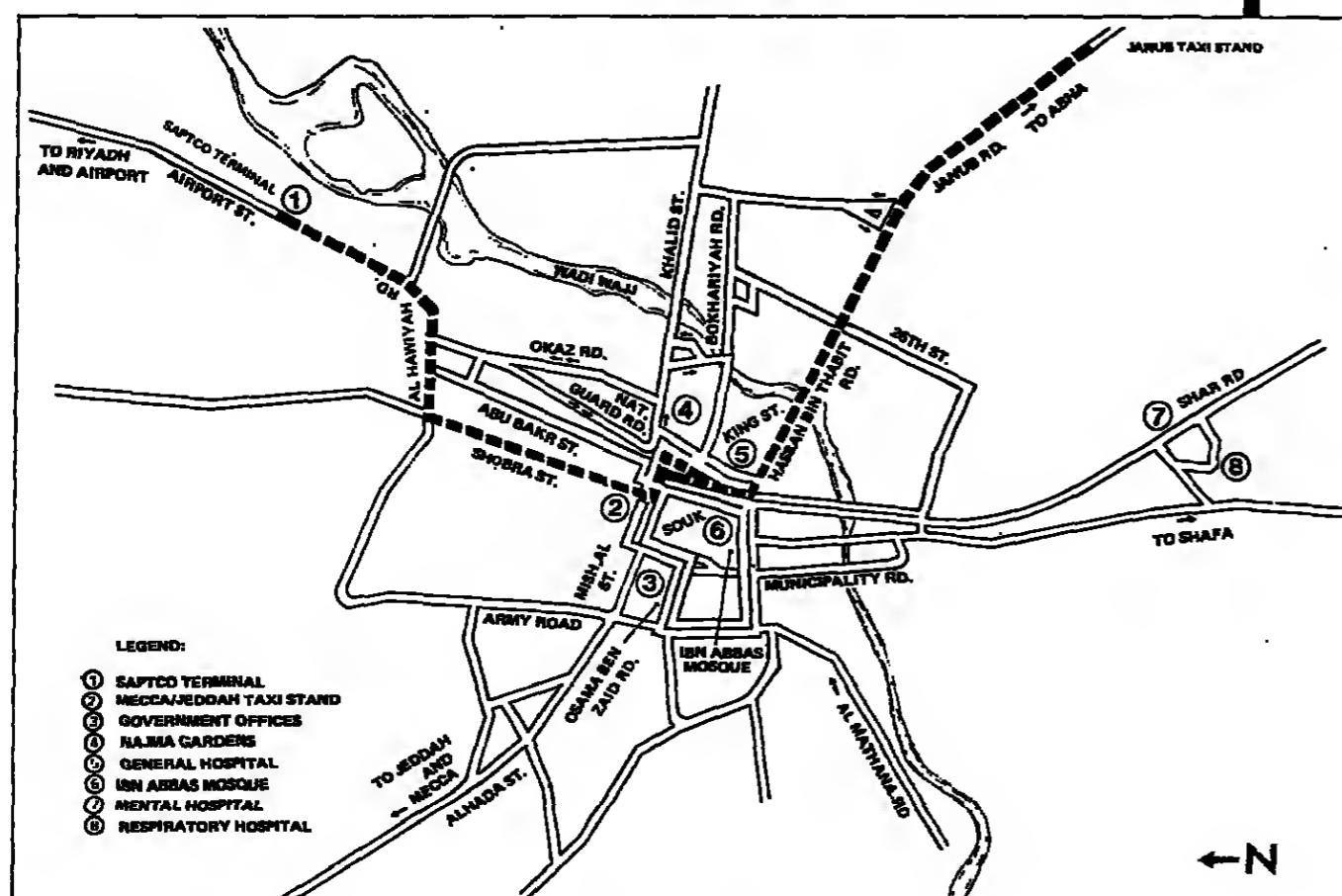
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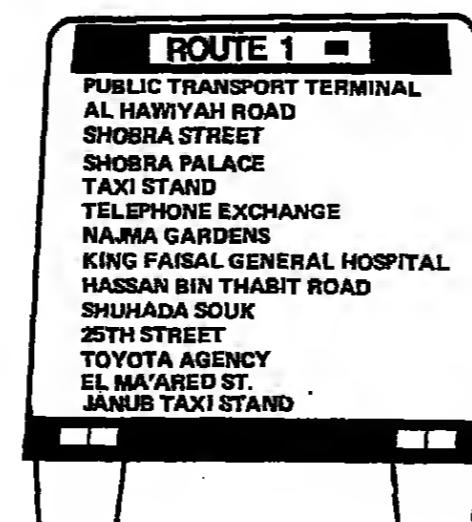
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*Sports on agenda***Group highlights youth development**

TUNIS, May 5 (SPA) — The president of Youth Welfare, Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, arrived Sunday to attend meetings of the Executive Bureau of Council of Arab Youth Minister that opened Monday.

Prince Faisal was received at the airport by the Tunisian minister of youth and sports, Hedi Zaggel, Asad Al-Asad, assistant general secretary of the Arab League, Sheikh Abdyl Rahman Al-Umrani, Kingdom's ambassador to Tunisia and the permanent delegate to the Arab League and other Tunisian officials.

Prince Faisal said that one of the most important issues on the agenda is the Arab fund for sport installations and activities that

forms the foundation stone for the development of Arab youths.

He said he hoped the council would approve the new policy of the fund and that the member-states would fulfil their commitments to enable the fund carry on its programs.

Prince Faisal praised the activities of the Arab League to develop and improve Arab youths. He said the third five-year development plan will give priority to youth development programs.

Prince Faisal and Hedi Zaggel will hold talks on promoting sports cooperation between the Kingdom and Tunisia.

At Riyadh University**Folklore festival lures princes and poets**

By Yousuf Al-Khidr

RIYADH, May 5 — The Riyadh University's fourth annual Folklore Festival opened in the grounds of the University's new campus on the Dara'iyah Road.

In attendance were Prince Salman ibn Abdul Aziz, governor of Riyadh, and a group about two thousand dignitaries and guests. The festival is organized by the Arabic Language Department of the College of Arts to focus attention on the rich variety of traditional lore that comprises the Kingdom's vernacular cultural heritage.

After a brief word of welcome by the festival's director, Dr. Abdul Aziz Nasir Al-Mani, poets offered their works which ranged in topic from thanks to the Royal Family for its benevolent leadership to the problems wrought upon the Arab homeland. Next, the Najdi folklore troupe presented an energetic display of lyrical poetry which was delivered responsively by colorfully-dressed performances arranged in two lines situated facing each other, of about fifty members each.

Between the lines musicians whirled and

In the meantime, Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilwi, governor of the Eastern Province Sunday opened the covered games hall of the General Presidency of Youth Welfare in Alkhobar.

After the dedication ceremony, a basketball match was played between the Saudi Arabian national team and the visiting Indian basketball team. The Kingdom's team won the game with 98 points in its favor 93 points were scored by the visitors.

Prince Abdul Mohsen presented a shield to the Indian team and received two memorial gifts from the Saudi Arabian Basketball Union and the captain of the Indian team.



OPENING: Dr. Abdullah Nassif, rector of King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah, dedicated the exhibition of the Faculty of Sciences at the university.

**Al-Ghanem flies to Rome for meeting**

RIYADH, May 5 (SPA) — Sheikh Abdul-Muhammad Al-Ghanem, the head of the regional bureau of the Middle East Committee for the Handicapped flew to Rome Monday. He will take part in the Second Meeting of the General Assembly of the European Committee of the Federation for the Handicapped,

which will be held there, May 11-17. The meeting will deal with cooperation between the European and Middle East committees. He will attend another meeting there, May 6-11 of the constituent committee of the International Organization for Physical Culture.

Pakistan minister arrives

RIYADH, May 5 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif Monday received the Pakistani minister of interior and Islamic affairs, Mahmoud Abdullah Haroon, who is visiting Saudi Arabia.

The meeting was attended by Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie, minister of Pilgrimage and endowments. Their talks concentrated on Pakistani pilgrims and ways of

making their pilgrimage comfortable.

Later, Prince Naif gave lunch in honor of Haroon and his delegation. The reception was attended by senior officials.

Haroon also met Sheikh Kamel Sindi, assistant to the minister of defense and aviation to discuss the arrival and departure of Pakistani pilgrims comfortably.

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Saudi CommentBy Talat Wafa
Al-Riyadh

Although the recently concluded Traffic Week in the Kingdom was a good step, but it had some negative factors. In discussing them here I wish to advance an objective and constructive criticism of the matter.

Everywhere in the world, there is a speed limit for motor traffic in the city and beyond its limits, but it almost extinct in our towns. That means the drivers feel the liberty of going as fast as they can, causing irreparable loss to the public, even fatal accidents.

I feel the country's expressways must have speed limits, which should not only be publicized through the media but must also be enforced by the highway patrol. In this way, we can ensure safety to public life on the roads.

Another phenomenon that can only be tackled through a strict traffic rule is the entry of heavy trucks into the congested

area of the town at any hour of day and night. Their movement creates traffic confusion and provides a permanent source of disturbance for the residents.

It is true that we are at the threshold of a colossal development plan that will require men and heavy equipment. All these necessitate the use of heavy vehicles for their transportation to the project sites which are sometimes situated within the city limits. Therefore, it becomes extremely difficult to prohibit the movement of trucks in the midst of the town.

However, this problem can be solved if specific timings are provided for the entry of trucks into towns or, better still, some roads are reserved for their movement. On congested roads, for instance, the trucks should be allowed to enter only after 11 o'clock in the evening. In other cases, parking areas for trucks could be provided outside the town precincts, from where they can enter at a time when the traffic movement is found easy within the town limits.

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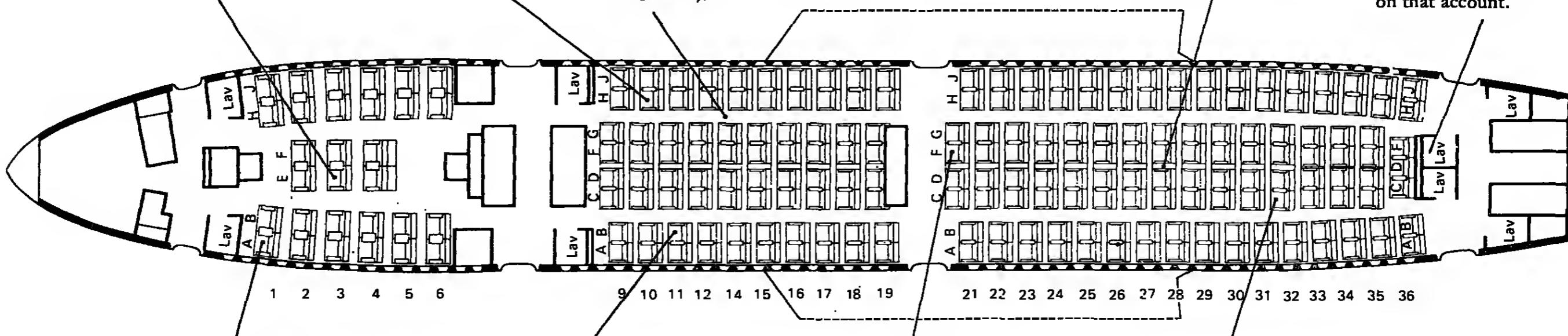
Sitting here and dining from Swiss china with Swiss cutlery as if you were in Switzerland is certainly not bad.

Here, for instance, you can relax and listen to a bit of yodeling while enjoying our refreshments.

Since there are never more than eight seats in a row, the aisles are wider. If you meet somebody, you can say "gruezi" (for "hello") instead of "axgusi" (for "excuse me").

This shelf is so wide that you could easily play a round of Jass (the Swiss card game) on it.

We have fewer seats than others have, but it would be un-Swiss to have fewer lavatories on that account.



The beverages served here are in the old Swiss tradition.

If you don't smoke, for instance, you'd sit here, and is an orderly company non-smokers with non-smokers. Smokers with smokers.

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If you're sitting here, for instance, you can smoke (possibly a Swiss cigar) without bothering anyone.

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Saudi Arabia opens clinic in N. Yemen

SANA'A, May 5 (SPA) — Rihab Qamar, a clinic built and run by Saudi Arabia, was opened here Sunday. The Kingdom has built eight clinics, of which it is operating six. A clinic and a health unit are under construction.

The North Yemen deputy minister of health, Dr. Ahmad Akhdar, thanked the Kingdom for the assistance it provided to his country in health. The commander of Ab region also praised Saudi Arabia's participation in the development projects of North Yemen.

The director of the Saudi Arabian Projects in Yemen, Abdul Aziz ibn Khamsi, said that the Kingdom has participated in building two hospitals in Saada and Baidha. The hospital of Saada will be opened shortly, while a tender for equipping the other hospital is to be issued in two months.

A tender for building a third hospital will also be issued soon, he added.

Meanwhile, a Saudi Arabian delegation representing the Kingdom's universities arrived here Monday and met with the rector and staff of the University of Sana'a. They discussed promoting cooperation and exchange of experts between Saudi Arabian universities and the University of Sana'a.

The delegation is here for a five day visit.

Salman to preside over sports function

RIYADH, May 5 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman will preside over the final activities of Riyadh University's sports activity May 12. The function will be held at the university stadium in Diriya where the governor will inaugurate some new sports facilities.

Autonomy talks suspended

HERZLIYYA, Israel, May 5 (AP) — Negotiations on West Bank and Gaza autonomy continue to mark time, committee work having been suspended Monday at the request of Egypt's delegation.

The head of Israel's delegation, Dr. Yossef Burg, confirmed the halt at the end of morning meetings but refused to confirm rumors according to which the Egyptians link resumption of the talks to progress on the question of security.

The rumors persist, however, security remaining the major stumbling block of the talks, particularly in the wake of Friday's attack on a group of Jewish settlers in Hebron. The gun and grenade attack, which left six persons dead and 16 wounded, has hardened attitude toward the security issue.

Sources close to the Israeli delegates said Monday that they are less disposed than ever to accept interference in the security issue.

Observers say that only the smallest Israeli concessions can be expected, on such issues as internal municipal police, but no one can predict the reaction in Egypt's delegation, which considers security the prime problem.

During the waiting period, negotiations will continue in informal conversations between delegation heads as well as at ministerial and delegation levels.

Zia's talks in China 'successful'

PEKING, May 5 (AP) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq said Monday his talks with Chinese leaders have been "very pleasant" and "very successful."

Talking to reporters at a reception at the Pakistan embassy, Zia declined to elaborate on the talks until they are concluded.

One more round of talks had been scheduled with senior Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping, but Pakistani officials said Monday Mr. Zia will cut short his official visit so that he can attend the funeral of Yugoslav President Tito who died Sunday.

Zia, who arrived three days ago, originally was to have stayed in China from Friday and then visited North Korea for two days. His original schedule included a two-day visit to scenic Guilin in South China.

So far, he has held two rounds of talks with Deng and one with Hua.

A Pakistani official accompanying Zia said the two sides' views have been identical on all important matters.

"The official, who asked not to be named, said there was no fixed agenda for the talks because the two countries have 'a level of friendship where we don't have to follow fixed parameters.'

Zia and Chinese leaders had covered all questions of mutual interest, with particular reference to the regional situation, he said. This included the situation in Afghanistan and Iran, he added.

Both Pakistan and China have criticized the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan as an indication of Soviet expansionism. China also has warned that worsening Iran-U.S. relations could create an opportunity for the Soviet Union to try to intervene there.

In a banquet speech Friday night, Hua said China would stand firmly by Pakistan against foreign aggression and interference. Pakistan and China both border Afghanistan.

Zia also told reporters Monday Tito's death was a great loss to world statesmanship. He called Tito the father of the nonaligned movement and said he had been a great friend of Pakistan.

Pakistan denies plan for N-test

ISLAMABAD, May 5 (AP) — Pakistan has denied Soviet and Afghan reports that it plans to test nuclear weapons in China.

A government spokesman described as "misleading," the reports by the state-owned radio Kabul and radio Moscow that Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq is expected to discuss with the Chinese leaders the question of testing Pakistan's nuclear weapons in China.

Calling the radio broadcasts "concocted reports," the spokesman said "Pakistan has repeatedly stated that its nuclear program is entirely for peaceful purposes and has no intention of making nuclear weapons."



BOMB : A group of Afghanistan's Mujaheddin rebels look at the fragments of a bomb dropped by Soviet or Afghan government air force planes near rebel positions in Kunar Province, near the Pakistan border recently.

Legitimate response to occupation

Arafat defends commando raid

BONN, April 5 (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was quoted in an interview Monday as saying the Palestinian commando raid last week on the West Bank town of Hebron was a legitimate response to foreign occupation.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) chief was answering questions by the West German magazine *Stern*, which suggested that attacks on civilians only diminished international sympathy for the Palestinians.

"Hebron was a legitimate act of resistance to foreign occupiers who have seized the land, driven away its inhabitants and trampled on the religious and cultural values of our people," he said.

Arafat spoke to *Stern* in Beirut before and after Friday's attack, in which five Zionist settlers were killed.

Arafat said if he was to be considered a terrorist then so were the late French President Charles de Gaulle, who fought the Germans, and the first American president, George Washington, who fought the British.

"I would like to remind you of the United Nations resolution which gives oppressed peoples the rights to use political, economic, and military means against their occupiers," he said.

Acknowledging the international crisis over Afghanistan and Iran would be made more acute by a breakdown of the Egyptian-Israeli talks on Palestinian autonomy, Arafat predicted the situation would "explode."

"We shall let actions speak for themselves.

I can say only that there will be no quietening in the Middle East without a solution of the Palestinian question," he said.

Aden aide links improving ties with Oman to U.S. bases

BEIRUT, May 5 (R) — A South Yemeni leader said Monday that his country's relations with neighboring Oman could never improve so long as the Gulf state provided military facilities to the Americans.

Abdul-Aziz Abdul Wali told a Beirut press conference: "There can be no rapprochement with Oman unless it changes its policy on U.S. bases."

But he denied that the establishment of diplomatic relations last month between Aden and Tehran was aimed principally against Oman.

South Yemen and Iran were on the opposite sides of a war in the Oman province of Dhofar in the mid-1970's when the Shah sent Iranian troops to help defeat leftist insurgents there that was supported by Aden.

Iran and South Yemen agreed to open diplomatic relations on April 23.

Abdul-Wali, a former industry minister who is now a politburo member and secretary of the central committee of the ruling Yemeni Socialist Party said the recent change in the country's leadership did not mean a change in its policies.

He reassured a government statement that

former President Abdul-Fattah Ismail, who resigned on April 21, stepped down for health reasons.

Abdul-Wali is visiting Lebanon as part of South Yemen's moves to inform Arab leaders about developments in the country, which lies on the strategic tip of the Arabian peninsula.

Speaking at a ceremony in Baghdad Sunday, he said: "Iraqi troops are soldiers with a mission. They have a basic mission of being the standard-flying vanguard just as the Islamic army did when it reached China and Spain."

"We mean adherence to the spirit which enabled the first Muslims to achieve their great mission on behalf of Heaven on earth. Whoever opposes the new Arabism definitely stands against Islam; however he tries to cover this up," Saddam Hussein added.

In another development, INA said that Iraq has set up 56 committees to supervise its first general election in 20 years on June 20.

Iraq has had no parliament since 1958, when the monarchy was overthrown.

Rebels claim killing

136 Ethiopian troops

ROME, May 5 (AP) — A rebel group fighting in Ethiopia's mountainous northern province of Tigray claimed Sunday it killed 136 Ethiopian army soldiers in two battles last week.

The Rome office of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), which has links to rebels fighting in the neighboring coastal province of Eritrea, said in a statement that its guerrillas killed 96 Ethiopian soldiers and captured 723 in a clash April 30 about 50 kilometers south of the ancient city of Makale.

The statement also said that the rebels killed 40 Ethiopian soldiers, wounded 100 and captured 30 in a clash in the southern part of Tigray on May 1.

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Japanese climbs Everest from China-Tibet side

TOKYO, May 5 (AP) — A Japanese mountaineer Saturday became the first non-Chinese ever to reach the pinnacle of Mount Everest from the Tibetan north slope route, the daily *Yomiuri Shimbun* said Sunday.

Yasuo Kato, 31, conquered the 7,848-meter (29,028-foot) summit of the earth's highest mountain after a 12-hour assault

from the seventh and last base camp at 8,250 meters, the newspaper, co-sponsor of the climb with the Japan Mountaineering Association, said.

Kato, a member of a 9-man Japanese climbing expedition which began its assault on the mountain in early March, made the final ascent alone after co-climber Susumu Makamura exhausted his strength several hundred meters from the peak, it said.

The Japanese climber planted the flags of Japan, China and Nepal and hurried in the snow with prayers the photos of three Chinese climbers who were killed in an avalanche during a preparatory expedition for the Japanese team last fall. He stayed on the peak 10 minutes.

The Japanese are the first foreign climbers allowed an attempt on Everest — called Chomolungma in Tibetan and Chinese — from the Tibetan side since the People's Republic was established in 1949. Two Chinese expeditions previously have conquered Everest, situated on the Nepal-China border, from Tibet.

Kato also became the first mountaineer to reach the peak two times, from both the Nepalese and Tibet-China sides. He made his first successful assault in autumn 1973, suffering a serious case of frostbite on his descent. Kato had to undergo amputation of all his toes and three fingers of his right hand.

Friday, another member of the first assault group, Akira Ube, 31, was buried in an avalanche and apparently killed at about the 8,000-meter mark.

The Japanese expedition took the same route as that taken in June 1924 by famed British climber George Leigh Mallory, who disappeared near the summit. One of the Chinese climbers killed in the expeditionary climb last fall told the Japanese that he had found "the body of an Englishman" above the 8,000-meter point, but the Mountaineering Association said it had no information as to whether Kato's team had spotted Mallory's remains.

It has been reported that Mallory may have been carrying a camera with film proving he reached the world's highest peak 29 years before Sir Edmund Hillary and the Sherpa Tenzing Norgay expedition in 1953.

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BACK TO TRAINING : Eric Heiden, winner of five gold medals in speed skating at the Winter Olympics, loosens up on a bicycle at the San Diego Velodrome. Heiden is preparing for competition in the Olympic cycling trials currently being held.

Strange wins Houston Open

HOUSTON, May 5 (AP) — Curtis Strange rolled in a 12-foot birdie putt on the first sudden death hole and beat Lee Trevino for the title in the Houston Open golf tournament Sunday.

Strange, 25, went leaping into the air after his putt found the cup on the 178-yard 15th hole at the Woodlands Country Club course. The putt came on the first hole of a playoff that was forced when Trevino's magificent, 6-under-par 65 had tied the front-running Strange at the end of the regulation 72 holes.

Strange, who had taken a 6-stroke lead with a 195 for the first three rounds — the lowest 94-hole total in 10 years of Professional

Golf Association tour activity — could do no better than a round of par 71 for the last 18 holes.

Trevino, now a disappointed runner-up for the second time in two weeks, the pressure on him to win again having been relieved by Strange's 65.

He watched as Strange struggled for the par he had to have to salvage a tie from what once appeared to be an unbeatable lead. That sent them to the playoff. Trevino hit first and put his drive some 25 feet from the flag, drooping quietly in the windless, muggy Texas heat. Strange put a 7-iron shot 12 feet away.

Connors routs McEnroe

DALLAS, May 5 (AP) — Jimmy Connors ran the younger John McEnroe ragged Sunday to earn the \$100,000 first prize in the World Championship of Tennis finals, with a come-from-behind 2-6, 7-6, 6-1, 6-2 victory.

The No. 3-ranked Connors, seeking to take away McEnroe's No. 2 seeding in the world, broke the defending champion's service five straight times to turn a tense duel into a rout.

The 28-year-old Connors, egged on by the crowd of some 15,000 in Reunion Arena, dominated the 21-year-old McEnroe after the first set.

He won the second-set tiebreaker 7-4 after McEnroe had a brief spat with umpire Zeno Pflau over a call.

McEnroe, who plays a serve-and-rolley game, inexplicably lost control at the start of the third set. With McEnroe harried by double faults, Connors broke service three times in the third set.

Baseball Roundup

Velez pops four homers to tie record

NEW YORK, May 5 (AP) — Ott Velez smashed four home runs to tie an American League record and lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 9-8, 7-2 doubleheader sweep over the Cleveland Indians Sunday.

Velez hit three homers, including a grand slam and a game-winning 10th-inning solo homer that gave the Blue Jays their first game victory. In the second game, a three-run homer gave Toronto's designated hitter 10 runs batted in for the day.

His homers tied him with 10 other AL players who have hit four homers in a doubleheader. Toronto reliever Tom Buskey picked up his second victory in as many decisions in the opener. Jesse Jefferson evaded his record at 1-1 in the second game, going 5-2 in 13 innings before needing relief help from Jerry Garvin and Joey McLaughlin, who picked up his second save.

Elsewhere in the American League, Robin Yount's grand slam home run highlighted a six-run eighth inning, and Jim Slatoff and three other pitchers combined for a four-hitter to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to an 11-1 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Darrell Porter drove in three runs and scored a fourth in his second appearance of the season, leading the Kansas City Royals to a 5-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Reggie Jackson, knocked down by an apparent brushback pitch for the third game in a row, retaliated with a home run, then triggered a six-run fourth inning with a leadoff single, sparking the New York Yankees to a 10-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Detroit's Milt Wilcox hurled a four-hitter to pace the Tigers over the Oakland A's 4-0 in the first game of a doubleheader. Oakland's Mike Norris matched that performance with a four-hit 1-0 shutout in the nightcap to give the A's a split of their doubleheader.

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Joining Ken Rosewall as only the second two-time winner of this 10-year-old event, Connors broke McEnroe's service in the first and third games of the fourth set.

Connors said he was in better physical condition than last year: despite weighing 10 pounds more. He chased McEnroe all over the court and never seemed to tire.

In the tiebreaker, McEnroe gave Connors five of the seven points with errors on sloppy ground strokes. The victory exceeded Connors' lifetime record over McEnroe to 10-4.

Lakers down 76ers

LOS ANGELES, May 5 (AP) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Garvin "Magic" Johnson ignited the Lakers' running game in the third quarter and Los Angeles turned back a furious comeback bid by the Philadelphia 76ers to post a 109-102 victory Sunday in the opening game of the National Basketball Association championship series.

The second game of the best-of-seven playoff finals will be played here Wednesday night, with the following two games to Philadelphia next weekend.

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Navratilova overcomes Austin in Sunbird final

HAINES CITY, Florida, May 5 (AP) — Top-seeded Martina Navratilova retained her world No. 1 women's ranking Sunday by defeating second-seeded Tracy Austin 6-2, 6-4 in the finals of the \$200,000 Sunbird Cup, all of tennis tournament.

"My IO was 150 out there today," said Navratilova, who earned \$50,000. "I really used my head." By using her head, Navratilova kept the ball in play instead of going for outside winners. She cut down on unforced errors, letting Austin make the mistakes.

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Golf final results

These are the final scores and money-winnings Sunday in the \$350,000 Houston Open golf tournament on the 6,918-yard, par-71 Woodlands Country Club course:

Player	Score	Par
Curtis Strange	63,000	66-67-66-71 - 266
Lee Trevino	\$37,800	67-66-68-65 - 266
Mike Reid	\$20,300	69-64-69-66 - 268
Bob Gilder	\$20,300	70-65-69-64 - 268
Don Kite	\$13,300	70-69-65-66 - 270
D.A. Weibring	\$13,300	68-69-66-68 - 270
Bill Rogers	\$11,725	61-68-68-69 - 272
Burney Thompson	\$9,800	69-67-70-67 - 273
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CREEPING ANNEXATION

When the Begin government declared its intention to establish two "religious" schools inside the Arab town of Al Khalil (Hebron), it was well aware of the enormous provocation this constituted for the Palestinians living there. The step was only a further phase in a long standing plan to absorb the town fully. Al Khalil is already ringed with Zionist settlements. Now the enemy was moving in. The inhabitants realized that they would have no option but to fight this creeping annexation with all the means available. And this is what has happened. Al Khalil is at the moment at the center of the civil insurrection engulfing the West Bank as a whole. The Palestinians under the illegal Israeli occupation know that unless they make a stand now, their fate would be like those of their folks who were uprooted from their land, and forced to spend decades in refugee camps outside.

The people of the West Bank realize utter ruthlessness of the warmachine against which they are pitting themselves. They have already had a foretaste of what is to come, when an unarmed youth taking part in a demonstration was first crippled then murdered in cold blood by an Israeli officer. Now that the Palestinian fighters have struck back, they know that the Israelis are preparing for a bloody revenge. But they also know that the whole world must be made to realize that the Palestinians on the West Bank are not a pawn in anyone's game; that here is a people intent on determining their fate, and will not rest until they do so.

It is no accident that the Israelis chose this moment, just before the "autonomy" talks with Egypt are due to conclude, to escalate their provocations to the West Bankers to the present intolerable level, leaving no choice between meek submission to creeping annexation and revolt. It is also no accident that the cat's paw in this relentless provocation is none other than Begin's own settler thugs, the mainstay of the Israeli right wing for which the ruling Likud is the representative.

The world better heed the call of the West Bank. The Palestinians there, fighting for their rightful nationhood, cannot mobilize the armies and the equipment of repression which the Israelis have at their command. But they know that if it comes to a final showdown, their stand will provide the fuse for a general explosion in the area. The international community, especially Israel's friends and supporters among it, will have the choice of either restraining the Zionists or face the consequences, military, economic and political, of a new war.

Most newspapers Monday led with a report on the Council of Ministers' special meeting chaired by King Khalid, the committee approved the country's third five-year development plan in which SR 782 billion was allocated for the economic sectors. *Okaz* highlighted in its lead story Crown Prince Fahd's statement that the previous two plans achieved their targets in record time. *Al Madina* led with the King's stress that the implementation of the plan is a joint responsibility and cooperation leads to sound progress. Repressive Zionist measures against Arab residents of the occupied West Bank of the Jordan and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's reaffirmation of the Palestinians' adherence to their identity and soil formed the lead story in *Al Yam newspaper*.

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the Palestinian commandos who led the Hebron operation. In a front-page story, *Okaz* quoted Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan as saying King Khalid has renewed his invitation to the new President of South Yemen, Ali Nasser Muhammad, to pay a visit to Saudi Arabia. The Muslim World League's denunciation of the United States' hostile attitude toward the Arab and Islamic nation figured prominently in *Al Yam* newspaper.

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*Fine Arts Society***Jeddah artists display works**

By Jacqueline Elmaleh
On Saturday night Mayor Mohammed Farsi cut the ribbon opening the annual resident international artists show at the Redec Center. Among the dignitaries present at the gala event were representatives of the Jeddah Municipality; well-known Jeddah architect Samiib Makboul, and the Tunisian ambassador. The show is the work of fifty-two artists belonging to the Jeddah Fine Arts Society.

The Society, founded four years ago by a small group of resident artists, has a membership of more than one hundred artists and all were invited to participate. One of the unique aspects of the exhibition is that each artist had the opportunity to display their own selection of ten works. A definite advantage from the commercial point of view, it has also given a chance to the individual artist to make a personal presentation of himself to the audience.

The apparent aims of the society are "to promote communication between international artists, allowing comparison of standards and technique and encouraging creativity and inspiration." Also "to engender a cultural milieu in Jeddah." To this end the Society holds monthly lectures and talks as well as art workshops. The annual exhibition is an effort to fulfill the Society's aim and an invitation to the general public "to understand and share in them."

To put together an exhibition of work by fifty-two artists is not an easy feat under any circumstances. The task is made more difficult when the group holding the show works under a cooperative system. The main drawback of each artist having a personal say in the preparation is obvious.

However Beverly Mathis, exhibition coordination for this year's event, has given her free time and worked hard to put some organization into the presentation of the almost 500 works at the Redec Plaza Gallery. In the first section of the Gallery are two samples of each artist's work while the upstairs galleries contain the main exhibition, divided into categories of medium — oils and acrylics, water colours, pencil, batik, beaten copper, pastels, stained glass and photography.

The disadvantage of such an arrangement is that the exhibition has more of the appearance of an art sale rather than an art show. This conclusion is confirmed by the lack of sufficient data on the artists or their work with exception to an artwork price list.

Another distracting factor created by having the work of each artist scattered throughout the Gallery is the obstacle encountered in getting a complete feel or total perspective of the individual artists' work, especially those who work in several media or mixed media.

But despite the lack of professionalism in exhibition planning and the lack of space, the fourth annual Jeddah Fine Arts

Society exposition makes up in talent what it lacks in presentation.

Of the fifty-two artists represented in the show, all exhibited some artistic skill and imagination. A wide range of media, various techniques and styles have been used. A few artists were outstanding in originality and concept. Three painters falling into this category are Azeez, Patrice Bac and Peter Quidley. Azeez' colorful surreal images in acrylics and explicitly detailed pencil work suggest that art should defy reason and abandon itself to the subconscious.

Patrice Bac's paintings, too, are characterized by clear use of imagery. Of particular note is her *Flamenco Rose*, a composition of a crushed Pepsi tin and pink flamingos in flight, juxtaposed on a barren sandy seascape.

The third painter, Quidley presented the most exotic yet realistic work in his study of "Eyes No. 3."

In the line of more traditional art, Tanveer Shams' oil paintings of Old Jeddah stole the show. Tanveer combines fine line and detail with intense pastel shades to almost romanticize his picture of the lofty shuttered coral block buildings of the old city core. A long time member of the art society, previously being a resident of Saudi Arabia, Shams flew from Karachi to participate in the exhibition.

Using the theme of old Jeddah, which was the most common amongst the artists, probably the best executed pencil studies were by John Horton, while David Howell produced some delicately haunting water colours.

In photography, a much less used medium, most of the work proved to be successful. Khaled Khidir's large bold color prints attracted the most attention with his traditional images of Jeddah, Old and New. But also worthy of mention was Trevor Roy Wickson's interesting black and white study *Old Jeddah No. 1*, and Gunnar Berner's slide box concept *The Sun Goes Up and Down*.

Of the unusual media which takes craft as well as art to work in, such as beaten copper, stained glass and batik, Karen Hill's batik scenes of the Asir were successfully rendered with a skillful touch and exquisite shading.

In general the artwork displayed couldn't have been finer. That so much talent exists in Jeddah, is deserving of more cultivation. With groups like the Jeddah Fine Arts Society and the right patronage, the city is on its way to make its mark as a cultural center in the Arab world.

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The annual exhibition of the J.F.A.S. is running through Thursday at the Redec Plaza Gallery in the Redec Center off Medina Road. Ladies Only 10 a.m.-1 p.m. General Public 5 p.m.-10 p.m.

The theater comes to town

Jeddah Players and Saudi Equity Theater began their production of Dale Wasserman's play "Man of La Mancha" Sunday night in the Players' Playhouse.

The musical play chronicles the plight of Miguel de Cervantes after he has been thrown in jail to await trial by inquisition.

Cervantes' tales unfold

while he entertains the kangaroo court in the dungeon. Throughout the play, Cervantes (as Don Quixote) meets his dreams and failures.

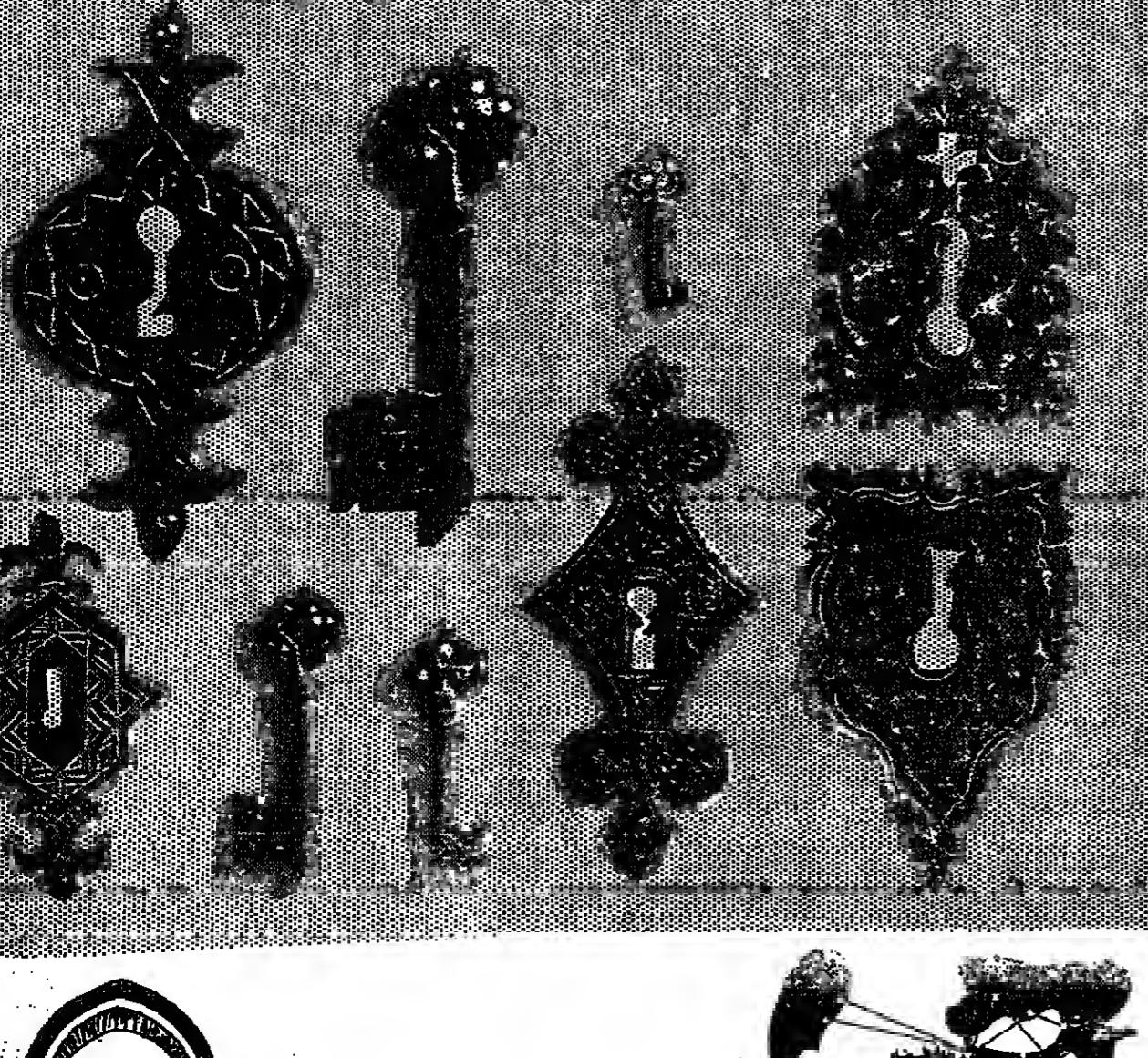
The play is directed by Carrie Frye, a long-time proponent of the theater in Jeddah. The musical play begins at 8 p.m. and runs through May 8th.



QUIXOTE: Wearing the golden helmet of Mambroino, Don Quixote vows to keep up the quest of the good and pure-hearted.



SCENES: (above) The muleteers gather to sing a song during the first half of the play. (middle) Don Quixote meets the barber who wears his shaving bowl as a hat. Quixote thinks the hat is the golden helmet of Mambroino. (right) Michael Da Shane prepares Layne Montgomery for his role as Miguel de Cervantes.

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Sanctions a 'burden'

Carrington defends Iran moves

NEW YORK, May 5 (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington has said that imposing economic sanctions on Iran will be a much greater sacrifice for the European allies than for the United States.

Interviewed on ABC's *Issues and Answers*, Carrington denied charges that European allies have not adequately supported the United States in its struggle to release American hostages held in Iran.

"The burden that we are taking in

economic sanctions against Iran is infinitely greater than the burden that you have taken in cutting off trade with Iran," Carrington said.

"So you do not want to underestimate what you have asked us to do or our willingness to help you," he said.

The European allied nations have agreed to implement economic sanctions against Iran on May 17, unless "decisive progress" was made toward the release of the hostages.

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Speaking about the aborted mission to rescue the hostages, Carrington said the United States was "absolutely entitled to try." But he said any further rescue effort must be judged "on the basis of whether or not it's going to be successful, whether any policy adopted by the United States and supported by U.S. friends is likely to release the hostages."

Asked if Great Britain would support such action, Carrington said: "I think we would have to be convinced that it was likely to release the hostages," adding that if he was asked Sunday whether such action would succeed, "it would be rather unlikely that that should happen."

Carrington stressed that the United States must also take into account the effect military force would have upon the other countries in the region.

On other matters, Carrington said the British government remained "wholly opposed" to its athletes taking part in the Moscow Olympics.

He said he did not believe that measures suggested Saturday by the Olympic committees of most Western European countries in Rome were "adequate." The proposals were aimed at reducing politics at the games with the hope of salvaging the summer Olympics.

"Any athletes who go are attending bogus games in which winning a gold medal means nothing if the United States is not there," he said, reiterating that to participate was "unthinkable" in light of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. "Peace in Asia and the world has been gravely endangered," he said.

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diplomatic harrumphing, one Chinese vice foreign minister, Zhang Weijin, conferred with former U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance and others in Washington while another, Han Nianlong, consulted the Japanese foreign office in Tokyo.

Meanwhile, in the Tunisian capital of Tunis, Vice Premier Chen Muhua, the highest-ranking woman in the Chinese cabinet, headed a delegation that paid official calls to six nations of north and west Africa.

The theme being struck by Chinese diplomats was typified by Foreign Minister Huang Hua's banquet speech in Singapore: "We have entered the 1980's amid great international turbulence," the Chinese news agency quoted him as saying. He attacked the "savage aggression and occupation" suffered by Cambodia and the "brutal suppression" of Afghanistan. "Peace in Asia and the world has been gravely endangered," he said.

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• 2-year battery life

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• Stopwatch:

Measurement up to 13 min.

(min. & sec.) or 13 hrs. (hr. & min.)

• Dual time

• Petite and lightweight

• Four fashion colors: Win red, Black, Blue, Dark Blue.

Mecca - 48678.

Medina - 21483.

Yanbu - 23640.

Time
Time display shows 10:58:30 PM, Tuesday.
Super accuracy to less than ± 0.5 sec. a day.

Calendar
Month, date, day display.
Pre-programmed to be adjustment-free to year 2003.

Stopwatch
1/100sec. stopwatch with normal/net/lap/1st & 2nd place measurements up to 24 hours continuously.

Dual Time
As a second time-keeper, an overseas time can be programmed using the 24-hr. system and recalled instantly.

Calculator
8-digit capability:
+,-,x,/, \sqrt{x} , $\sqrt[3]{x}$, $\sqrt[n]{x}$,
power, log and reciprocal calculations.
Function command display.

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• Simultaneous day date, time display

Low price

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Active Lady Casio Stopwatch/Dual Time

Fashionable Lady Casio Stopwatch/Dual Time

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India offers immigrants even outside Assam

NEW DELHI, May 5 (AFP) — Immigrant in Assam and the north eastern states cannot be repatriated, will be settled in other Indian states, Indian Interior Minister Zail Singh announced Monday.

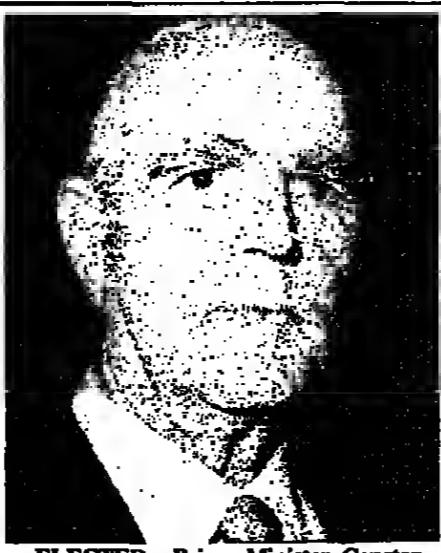
Affair from the federal government was the eight-month-old agitation against non-workers in Assam and other eastern states, observers here said.

It is said that all the five million immigrants will be thrown out of the country as they have refused to take them. The entire

Appeals for religious liberty

CONGOVILLE, Congo, May 5 (R) — John Paul appealed Monday to the leftist leaders to let the Roman church operate in full freedom and that it had no intention of playing

any role prepared for delivery to President Colonel Denis Sarsou. Pope John Paul said the Congo on the loyal help of the church as it serves mankind.



ELECTED: Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis Monday was elected president of Greece. He will succeed Constantine Tsatsos whose five-year term ends on June 20. Karamanlis, 73, leader of the New Democracy party which commands 174 of the 300 seats in Parliament, was the only candidate and received 183 votes in the election by the house. The extra votes came from deputies of the five smaller parties or independents. The prime minister had narrowly failed to get elected in two previous ballots last month when he needed a 200-vote majority.

But he said the church sought the right to speak to consciences and for its beliefs to profess their faith publicly. "I know Mr. President that you understand this hope which would not endanger the state," he said. "Religious liberty is in effect the center of respect for all the liberties and inalienable rights of the individual."

Sunday in neighboring Zaire at least nine people were killed and 65 injured when they were trampled on in a crowd while heading for a mass celebrated by the Pope.

In quest of rice Liberia leader sweeps aside customs rules

MONROVIA, May 5 (AP) — One of the 17 enlisted men in Liberia's ruling People's Redemption Council flew unannounced to the United States last week without visa or passport and was briefly taken into custody by immigration officials in New York, it was disclosed here Sunday.

His departure from Roberts Field Airport, 50 miles from Monrovia, was a scene of bizarre confusion typical of the military regime that took power in Liberia April 12 with the assassination of President William Tolbert, witnesses said.

The council member Cpl. Fallah Voine, also known as Fallah Yancy, is believed to be in the San Francisco area at present trying to negotiate rice purchases for the Liberian state. The U.S. embassy in Monrovia declined to comment on his secret departure from Liberia.

The members of the Redemption Council headed by Master Sgt. Samuel K. Doe, hold virtually unlimited power in the new Liberia and have swept much of the country's traditional order and discipline.

The witnesses said Cpl. Voine-Yancy arrived at Roberts Field late on April 26, escorted by a formidable array of armed security men with howling sirens.

He checked in for an American flight to

Kennedy Airport. But when a Liberian immigration official asked for his passport to put in the routine stamp, the corporal said he didn't have his passport with him.

The head of the Roberts Field immigration service insisted, the witnesses reported, saying: "These are our procedures, sir."

Voine-Yance turned on the immigration chief angrily and said: "Well, I'll show you something of our procedures."

He then ordered the immigration man to be locked in the trunk of a security man's automobile for an hour, while he proceeded calmly to the departure lounge, the witnesses said.

The following day, April 27, the Roberts Field immigration officers went on a one-day protest strike, but the military authorities soon persuaded them to return to work.

The sources said Voine-Yancy arrived at Kennedy early on April 27. When he produced a Liberia army identity card as his only identification, U.S. immigration officers detained him and contacted the State Department.

The American embassy in Monrovia was informed of the incident and quickly confirmed the man's credentials. He was released to the custody of the Liberian consul in New York, but later was allowed to travel

to San Francisco.

The sources said he made the unscheduled journey because he was exasperated by delays in clearance of rice shipments to Liberia. The shipments in fact were held up by the military regime's own refusal to approve the necessary letter of credit, but Voine-Yance decided to solve the problem "by military methods," the sources said.

It was not known why he failed to give the American embassy prior notification of his trip or apply for a diplomatic visa which would have been issued to him within minutes.

Blast victims found

NEW DELHI, May 5 (AP) — Bodies of 20 fire victims, mainly women children workers, have been recovered from the ruins of a fireworks factory near Raipur, central India. The United News of India has reported.

Nearly 50 persons were believed to have perished in the blaze on Saturday, UNI said.

The Press Trust of India said Sunday severed limbs and heads were strewn about the site, some found 300 meters away.

Most of the bodies were burned beyond recognition. However, the son of the factory owner was positively identified from among the fatal victims.

Bank Al-Jazira

(Incorporated in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with Limited Liability)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1979 (12th SAFAR 1400)

Capital & Liabilities

	1978 S. Rls.	1979 S. Rls.
CAPITAL		
Authorized		
1,000,000 shares of S. Rls. 100/-each	50,000,000	100,000,000
Paid Up Capital		
500,000 shares of S. Rls. 100/-each	50,000,000	50,000,000
RESERVES		
Statutory Reserve		
Other Reserves		
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		
Balance Brought Forward		
Add : Balance of profit for the year 1979	36,582	50,734
After appropriations	14,152	274,758
DIVIDEND FOR THE YEAR 1979		
DEPOSITS		
1. Customers' Deposits (Cover total Current, Time and Saving Deposits)		
2. Deposits from Banks :		
a. In Saudi Arabia	986,636,196	1092,722,807
b. Abroad	49,430,628	55,309,161
3. Sundry Deposits (Including margins for Letters of Credit Guarantees, Drafts, and other Transfers etc.)	102,333,495	301,083,379
BORROWINGS		
1. From Banks :		
a. In Saudi Arabia	171,828,400	223,709,574
b. Other Banks Abroad	1310,226,719	1672,824,921
OTHERS LIABILITIES		
1. Acceptances Outstanding on behalf of Customers		
2. Other Liabilities	8,499,281	18,905,792
Sub Total	4,247,832	22,991,754
CONTRA ACCOUNT		
Guarantees, Letters of Credit and other obligations	10,747,113	41,697,546
GRAND TOTAL	1514,609,582	1844,359,336
	858,143,864	1221,207,276
	2372,753,446	3065,566,612

Property & Assets

	1978 S. Rls.	1979 S. Rls.
CASH FUNDS		
1. Cash in Hand	40,175,158	43,851,839
2. Statutory Deposit with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency	123,595,958	118,435,264
3. Other Deposits with Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency	350,229,687	277,625,829
514,000,803	439,912,932	
DEPOSITS WITH BANKS		
1. In Saudi Arabia	2,995,313	1,367,478
2. Abroad	521,456,572	425,105,258
	524,451,885	426,472,736
INVESTMENTS		
(At lower of cost or Market value)		
1. Shares and Securities of Establishments		
a. In Saudi Arabia	6,458,000	6,458,000
b. Abroad	20,460,000	36,871,512
2. Other Investments		
	26,918,000	43,329,512
LOANS, ADVANCES, ETC. (Less Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts)		
1. To :		
a. Private Sector	385,630,845	850,283,677
b. Banks	7,679,701	11,011,361
c. Others		
2. Bills purchased and discounted	5,518,824	23,856,833
	398,829,370	885,151,871
FIXED ASSETS (Less Depreciation)		
Bank Premises and other Real Estate		
Furniture and Fixtures and Equipment		
OTHER ASSETS		
1. Customers Liability for outstanding acceptances	6,499,281	18,905,792
2. Other Assets	29,875,077	17,992,204
	36,374,358	36,887,996
Sub Total		
CONTRA ACCOUNT		
Customers' Liabilities under Guarantees, Letters of Credit & other obligations		
	1514,609,582	1844,359,336
GRAND TOTAL		
	858,143,864	1221,207,276
	2372,753,446	3065,566,612

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1979 (12th SAFAR 1400)

	1978 S. Rls.	1979 S. Rls.
INCOME		
Net Income from Foreign Exchange Transactions and other services	55,349,452	99,291,325
Other Income	1,329,722	3,346,733
	56,679,174	102,638,058
EXPENSES		
Salaries and other Staff Expenses	17,986,722	28,656,928
Director's Fees, Remuneration etc.	—	761,739
Services Charges	18,418,472	25,849,654
Provision for Depreciation etc.	—	—
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	1,192,825	2,574,250
Other Provisions	—	—
Other Expenses	9,562,031	14,920,729
	47,160,050	72,763,300
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	9,519,124	29,874,758
Of which :		
Provision for Zakat	300,000	1,000,000
Statutory Reserve	2,304,972	7,500,000
General Reserve	1,900,000	13,600,000
Dividend (15%) on Paid Up Capital	5,000,000	7,500,000
Balance Carried to Balance Sheet	14,152	274,758
	9,519,124	29,874,758

MOHAMMED SAIFUDDIN ANSARI
DIRECTOR & GENERAL MANAGER

ABDUL AZIZ AL ABDULLAH AL SULAIMAN
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We have examined the above Balance Sheet of Bank Al-Jazira as at 31st December, 1979 (12th Safar, 1400) and the annexed Profit and Loss Account for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and returns and as such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary.

ISSA EL-AYOUTY & CO
ACCOUNTANTS & AUDITORS

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After Luxembourg breakdown

Bill to call for vote on British EEC role

LONDON, May 5 (AP) — A bill calling for a new referendum on Britain's membership of the European Common Market is to be introduced in the House of Commons later this month. Its sponsor, Dennis Canavan, opposition Labor representative for the Scottish constituency of Stirlingshire West,

Algeria will end exports of LNG

PARIS. May 5 (AP) — Algeria has decided in principle to abandon the production and export of liquefied natural gas. Energy Minister Belkacem Nabi was quoted as saying in an interview published Monday. According to the Paris daily *Le Matin*, Nabi said that revenue from crude oil exports is sufficient to meet Algeria's hard currency requirements.

Algeria supplies 1.5 per cent of American gas needs. The minister said, "There is nothing to stop American companies from taking delivery (of natural gas) in Spain, for instance, and liquefying it themselves."

Algeria recently suspended deliveries of LNG to the United States after the expiration of the current contract and the failure of negotiations to reach a new price agreement.

"I can reveal that Algeria is ready to give up the exploitation of LNG," he reportedly told the newspaper. "The decision, in principle, has been taken at the highest political level."

Asked if it is a wise decision to give up producing LNG exports after Algeria's massive investments in the field, Nabi was quoted as saying, "I repeat that Algeria is ready, if necessary, to put an end to the LNG experience. But we are willing to sell natural gas to France and to Europe."

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:00 P.M. Monday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.53	7.62	7.59
Deutche Mark (100)	183.00	186.00	185.50
Swiss F (100)	197.00	200.50	200.00
French F (100)	79.00	79.50	79.35
Italian Lira (10,000)	39.00	39.25	39.30
Lebanese Lira (100)	98.00	97.50	
Syrian Lira (100)	77.50	87.00	
Egyptian Pound	4.23	4.39	
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.25	12.27	
Jordanian Dinar	11.12	11.01	
Emirates Dirham (100)	89.80	89.80	
Qatari Riyal (100)	90.90	90.90	
Bahraini Dinar	8.88	8.88	
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	
Iraqi Dinar (100)	—	—	
Yemeni Riyal (100)	73.75	73.25	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	81.50	81.60	
Indian Rupee (100)	—	42.35	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.90	
Turkish Lira (1000)	45.45	—	
Gold kg.	55,900.00	—	
10 Tolas bar	6,550.00	—	
Silver kg.	—	—	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.91	14.50	
Canadian Dollar	2.80	—	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	114.00	—	
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	166.00	169.00	166.00
Spanish Peso	50.00	48.00	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	81.00	—	
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	45.25	
Singapore	—	1.56	

Cash and Transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange and Commerce, Gabel St., Jeddah — Tel : 23815.

PORTS AUTHORITY SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON THE 5TH MAY, 1980 20TH J-THANI, 1400

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival Date
2.	Pacific Peace	Alireza	Vehicles	5.5.80
3.	Blue Sky	Bababoud	Loading Cars	4.5.80
4.	Issa-1	Abusal	Timber	1.5.80
5.	Mila	Star	Reefer	3.5.80
6.	Kallidromos	Om'	Bagged Sugar/	3.5.80
7.	Reefer Giulia	Star	Pine-Apples/	
9.	Satnam	Abusal	Fruits/Meat	
10.	Ever Faith	Abdullah	Loading Cars	5.5.80
12.	Barge 338-1	Gulf	Contra/SteelBars/	
13.	Elefthrios	Alisada	General	4.5.80
14.	Phoevos	A.E.T.	Contrs. Materials	3.5.80
17.	Axis-1	Star	Gen.H. Lifts/Poles	3.5.80
18.	Medcament Carrier	Rolaco	Gen/loading H.Lifts	3.5.80
19.	Torn Helvig	alsabah	Durra/Oil Cake	27.4.80
21.	Pennem	M.T.A.	Bulk Cement	3.5.80
25.	Lalandia	Barber	Bulk Cement	23.5.80
27.	Brauenfle	Alireza	Timber/General	1.5.80
39.	Dimitrios 'G'	El Hawi	Pipes/Gen/Contrs./	4.5.80
41.	Jaladharma	Gulf	Trailers	5.3.5.80
42.	Maracana-1	Alpha	Gen.Pipes/Milk Powder	3.5.80
Lash	Rebar/Tiles/Timber/		Timber	3.5.80
Anchor	General	Oc.Trade	Pipe/Gen/Trucks/	29.4.80
			Rebars/Tiles/Timber/	2.5.80
2.	RECENT ARRIVALS:		General	2.5.80
	Pacific Peace	Alireza	Vehicles	5.5.80
	Redsea Express	Star	Durra/Livestock	4.5.80
	Reefer Giulia	Star	Pine-Apples/	5.5.80
	Evar Faith	Abdullah	Fruits/Meat	4.5.80
	Lalandia	Barber	Contra/Steel Bars/	4.5.80
	Stonewall Jackson	A.E.T.	General	4.5.80
	Merica	Alireza	Pipes/Tender/Contrs./	4.5.80

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 20.6.1400/5.5.1980 CHANGES PAST 24 HOURS.

8.	Kota Jasa	UEP	Loading Urea	24.4.80
13.	Lamma Island	UEP	Gen/Conts	4.5.80
18.	Sondi	Alisada	General	2.5.80
19.	Clintona	Gosaibi	Cement in Bags	30.4.80
20.	Avis	OCE	Cement in Bags	30.4.80
21.	Blue Pina (D.B.)	Alireza	Bulk Cement	30.4.80
23.	Barber Nara	Barber	Gen/Conts/Ro RRo	4.5.80
25.	Addiriyah	Kanoo	Containers	4.5.80
26.	Melina	UEP	Barley in Bags	2.5.80
34.	Koa Cheng	Gosaibi	Gen/Conts	1.5.80
35.	New Shine	Gosaibi	Cement in Bags	4.5.80
36.	World (D.B.)	SMC	Bulk Cement	3.5.80
37.	Princes Jeda	Gosaibi	Cement in Bags	4.5.80



(Central Press photo)
BUSINESSMAN'S TAILOR: For the man who likes to keep abreast of the latest movements in the stock exchange, Simpson's of London tailors has an added attraction. Between fittings, customers can check their shares and financial information by a market system provided on the company's ground floor.

U.S. plan to cut oil vulnerability falters

WASHINGTON, May 5 (LAT) — As the prospect of military confrontation with Iran increases, America's program to reduce its vulnerability to a major loss of foreign oil supplies is bogged down in political, budgetary and diplomatic stalemate.

"We are like a patient on the respirator and OPEC holds the plug," said Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan. Because world markets are

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tinyly swimming in oil at the moment, the United States and its allies expect to slide easily through the present curtailment of Iranian oil. But any other curtailment, a war, a revolution, or even a simple decision by a major producer to restrict its output, could tighten the market and send prices soaring.

And despite two crises in six years, replete with gasoline lines and cries of public out-

rage, the United States is still ill-prepared to cope with a major disruption.

The strategic petroleum reserve, once envisioned as a massive 750 million barrel cushion against foreign embargoes, contains a scant 91 million barrels in underground salt domes in Texas and Louisiana. Anxious to save \$850 million from the budget, the Carter administration is postponing until June 1981, its plan to resume filling the reserve. A bipartisan group of senators has begun a fight to force an immediate fill-up.

The much-publicized gasoline rationing plan, scheduled to go to Congress in February, has virtually disappeared in the bowels of the White House. It will emerge in the next few weeks, administration officials say — accompanied by a request for \$100 million and a year's time to finish getting it ready.

President Carter's 10-cent-a-gallon import fee, a disguised gasoline tax to inhibit consumption, is under bitter attack in congress.

The Department of Energy's system for allocating gasoline during periods of scarcity is "a chaotic program in need of overhaul," according to the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

DEARBORN, Mich., May 5 (LAT) — The Ford Motor Co. official glanced cautiously around his small office in the company's North American headquarters, and then opened his desk drawer. "Now, word of honor, you don't know where you saw this, ok?" he said, taking a photographic slide from a small envelope and handing it to a visitor. Held up to the dim morning light, the color slide showed a prototype model of the sports car Ford will introduce in the spring of 1981, a companion to the front-wheel drive Ford Escort model coming out this fall.

Judging from the slide, the car will have more of a low sloping European look than Ford's previous small-car entries in the U.S. market. As well it should, for the car, like the company's men team of top executives, came from a European mold. And the car, like the new management, is being counted on to turn Ford's money-losing U.S. operations into the same profitable enterprise the company has in Europe.

"We're going to sell 550,000 of these new small cars in the first year," said one Ford executive, referring to both the sport and regular version of the Escort. "That's a lead-pipe cinch. If it isn't, you'll be thinking to somebody else next year."

Indeed, this executive — along with several others at the nation's No. 2 auto maker — has been rumored to be headed for "early retirement," the industry euphemism for being fired, if Ford's fortunes don't turn around soon.

Ford lost \$41 million in the final quarter of 1979, and analysts believe it could lose over \$200 million in all of 1980 as it retrenches in the industry's worst recession in five years. Ford and its two major rivals, Chrysler Corp. and General Motors Corp., have pulled out of previous postwar economic downturns in relatively good health.

But analysts say this slump is different from earlier ones, different even from the 1975 recession. It happened as quickly as the gasoline lines formed a year ago and buyers turned their backs on most U.S.-made cars, perceived as being less fuel-efficient than foreign autos. The resulting drop in sales and income at a time when the U.S. companies need to spend billions remodeling their big-car factories has been a disaster for the Detroit-based industry.

Only a mirage can save nearly bankrupt Chrysler. Giant GM should survive with sharp cutbacks in operations and perhaps some outside borrowing. Ford is somewhere in between, with some gloomy analysts predicting that it will have to cut out certain product lines to prosper again.

Ford is a microcosm of how a big-car product and marketing strategy got the U.S. industry into its current predicament — and of the keen determination industry executives now have to show the world that they, too, know how to build hot-selling small cars.

The reversal of the car market is particularly ironic for Ford, which in the early 1970s considered itself more successful than GM in

Second Suez tunnel planned

LONDON, May 5 (AP) — The Egyptian government has asked the British engineering group Tarmac and its Egyptian partners to investigate prospects of building a second tunnel link under the Suez Canal, the group said Sunday. Tarmac and one of Egypt's biggest construction groups, Arab Contractors, are currently working on the final stages of the first tunnel under the canal. They started the \$146.25 million road tunnel some 3½ years ago.

Sunday he hinted that some form of government backing may be available for a second Egyptian-British tunnel project ahead. "We back British exporters, as would like to see this successful part continue," he said. "We will help in every way we can." One form that British backing take is export credit guarantees.

The trend was encouraged by the influx of large quantities of money from outside

reporters the meeting will discuss OPEC long-term strategy and the possibility of increasing oil prices. Indonesia's export price currently stands at \$32 per barrel. The country produces about 1.6 million barrels per day.

The Algerian minister also deplored the fact that the rate for natural gas is below that for oil just when liquefied natural gas has become an alternative energy source and should thus cost more.

Crude rates will continue rising, he said.

Australian coal

CANBERRA, May 5 (AFP) — Mining and Energy Minister Subroto will head an Indonesian delegation to a special meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Taif. Subroto told

nothing that the demand for refined products increased in April after a first quarter decline that led to lower prices.

The Algerian minister also deplored the fact that the rate for natural gas is below that for oil just when liquefied natural gas has become an alternative

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	May 1	May 2	Price Frs.
Closing			
May 1			
Price Frs.			
200,000	74,00	73,40	
68,50	68,50	68,00	
22,40	22,40	22,40	
99,80	99,00	99,00	
12,00	12,00	12,00	
33,50	32,50	32,50	
93,00	92,00	92,00	
81,90	81,90	81,90	
AEG	75,00	74,50	
Allianz Versicher.	57,00	56,50	
Baader & Wilcock	500	500	
Barclays Bank	421	425	
Bass Charringtons	233	237	
Barts Group	248	255	
BBC Ltd.	110	110	
Bell & Howell	77	77 1/2	
Boots Co. Ltd.	186	186	
Bowater Corp.	180	180	
Bowring	154	154	
Boss Charringtons	233	237	
British Home Stores	290	290	
BRC International	87	87	
British Petreoleum	110	110	
British Telecom	110	110	
Brown Boveri	297	298	
Commerzbank	161,50	162,20	
Conti. Gumm.	50,50	50,50	
Daimler-Benz	247,00	251,00	
Daimler-Benz	55,00	55,00	
Deutsche Bank	141,10	142,60	
Demag	125,00	127,50	
Deutsche Bank	253,00	253,00	
Di. Babcock	214,00	211,50	
Dub-Schlesches	135,00	128,50	
Dresser Ind.	174,50	174,50	
Falun Gulf	184,00	184,00	
G&H	203,00	204,40	
Gehring Lloyd	68,10	68,10	
Giesecke & Devrient	291	291	
GEC	375	378	
General Accident	252	256	
Giazzi Holdings	198	200	
Globe Metropolitan	127	128	
GKN	254	256	
Guardian Royal Ex.	254	256	
Hartmann	207	207	
Hawker Siddeley	207	207	
Hilti	27,00	28,20	
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Mannesmann	117,70	119,00	
Metallgesellschaft	262,00	272,00	
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Nachsmann	134,00	135,50	
Nordic Kraft	150,00	150,00	
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Land Sec.	234	236	
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Zucker	250,00	250,00	
Thyssen A.G.	71,70	71,70	
Thyssen Industrie	62,10	62,10	
Tivat	145,00	145,00	
Veba	131,70	132,20	
VEBAG	103,80	103,80	
Volkswagen	185,70	187,20	

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ED-EUROBONDS

May 2

a go to the Calendar of Scheduled Eurobond and Foreign Bond offerings

e terms, syndicate manager and date when selling period ends, where

coupons and yields are on annual basis unless otherwise indicated.

EURODOLLAR ISSUES

Business Development Corp., \$5 million dollars, due 1985, 12.25% at par,

Wood Gundy, 8 May.

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10 years, semi-annual interest 10.25%, option to redeem at par in 1987, semi-annual interest 10.25%

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hische Kontrollbank, guaranteed by Austria, 100 million marks, due

yearliche Landeskredit.

OTHER CURRENCIES

0 million French francs, due 1 June 1985, 14% at par, Societe Generale,

one of scheduled Eurobond issues totals the equivalent of about 216

is compared with \$16 million dollars a week earlier.

FOREIGN ISSUES

ionale des Telecommunications, guaranteed by French government,

100 million Swiss francs, due 1990, Banque Keyser Ullmann en Suisse

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VERNMENT BONDS

(Quoted in pounds)

May 1 May 2

88 98 98 1/16

94% 94% 94 11/16

90% 90% 91 1/4

102% 102% 103%

107% 107% 108%

100% 101% 101 1/4

20% 21% 21

31 31 31 1/4

T. NOTES & BONDS

Fractions and changes in 32nds

Bid Asked Change

89,10 89,15 UNCH

102,18 102,24 UP 10

101,26 101,22 UP 4

101,0 101,0 UP 8

103,0 103,8 UP 12

100,8 100,8 UP 0

99,28 100,4 UP 10

89,20 89,20 UP 24

100,24 101,5 UP 25

DINAR BOND MARKET

May 1

(AP-DJ) — The Kuwaiti Dinar Bond Market had a very quiet week and

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strategic three-month Kuwaiti dinar rates have declined by 1/4 point this

3 to 4 weeks now and we feel the market could be in a stage of going

calm if the declining trend in interest rates continue.

Recent Kuwaiti Dinar Bond Issues

Coupon Maturity Price

8 11,08 88-87

105,90 105,90 88-87

6 15,04 88-85

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North-South vulnerable.

NORTH	
♦ K J	
♥ 9 6 2	
♦ A J 10 8	
♦ K Q 9 5	

WEST	EAST
♦ 8 7 5 3	♦ 10 9 6 2
♦ K Q 10 8	♦ 7 5 4 3
♦ 7 4 3	♦ Q 6 5
♦ 6 2	♦ 7 4

SOUTH	
♦ A Q 4	
♦ A J	
♦ K 9 2	
♦ A J 10 8 3	

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♡ Pass
4 ♣ Pass 6 ♦ Pass

Opening lead — king of hearts.

It is said that the mark of a good card player is his ability to guess two-way finesses for queens. Undoubtedly this is a good criterion of a player's skill, but an even better gauge is one's ability to eliminate guesswork for queens by substituting an entirely different and more sound approach to the problem.

Here is a typical case, where West leads a heart against six clubs. Without the

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Tomorrow: At trick one you know it all.

heart lead, the slam would be ice-cold even if declarer misguessed the location of the queen of diamonds. But with it, South must mind his p's and q's or he may not come out whole.

Instead of torturing himself with trying to find a clue to the location of the missing damsel, South should plan the play from an altogether different aspect.

What he should do, after winning the heart with the ace, is draw two rounds of trumps, cash three top spades, discarding a heart from dummy, and play the jack of hearts.

Once he does this, South can place his cards face up on the table and claim six. West wins the heart with the queen but is at the end of his rope. He must either return a diamond, thus relieving South of the guess for the queen, or return a spade or a heart, either of which permits declarer to ruff in dummy as he discards a diamond from his hand.

It is true that South relinquishes all chance of making seven by adopting this craven method of play, but the guaranteed result — bidding and making a vulnerable slam — far outweighs the importance of a problematical overtrick.

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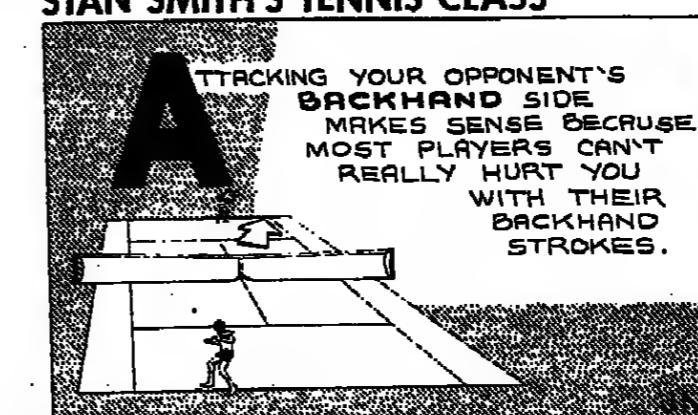
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Not a time for Escapist tendencies and you could shirk Sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

You're in the mood to socialize and consequently could have difficulty completing work assignments. Avoid escapist tendencies.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

Your mind's on business and a social occasion could be marred if you talk shop. Mixing business with pleasure could prove disappointing.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

A family hassle could arise concerning out-of-town visitors. A home obligation could interfere with travel plans.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

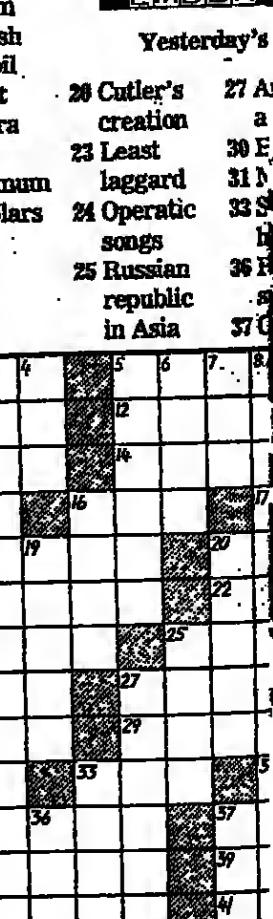
Don't be hasty about signing agreements, esp. where finances are involved. A close ally may be reluctant to go along with your plan.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Don't push your luck. A friend's patience will be strained if you're extravagant. Romance seems confusing in the p.m.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

A work assignment may be more difficult or time consuming than anticipated. The

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I S L O N G F E L L O W

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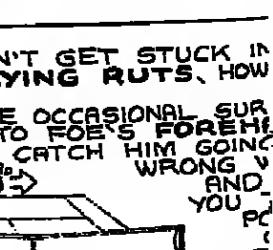
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O W S J D S X H E V P W E J C V

J D H Y Y D R W B B Y Y D W B

O Y X C T W P P Y Q T J H — E R C

T C W D T Y D
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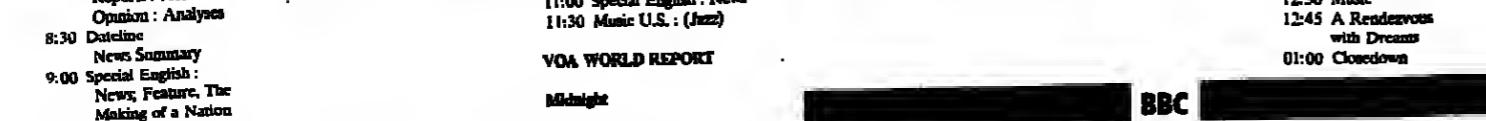
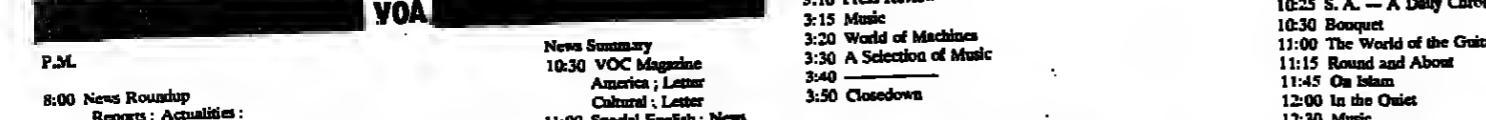
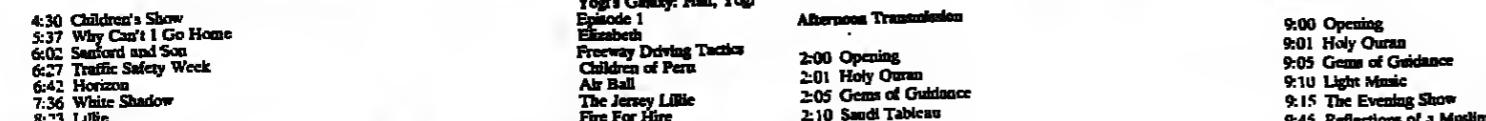
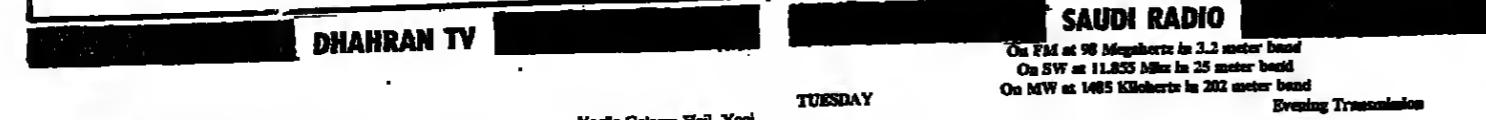
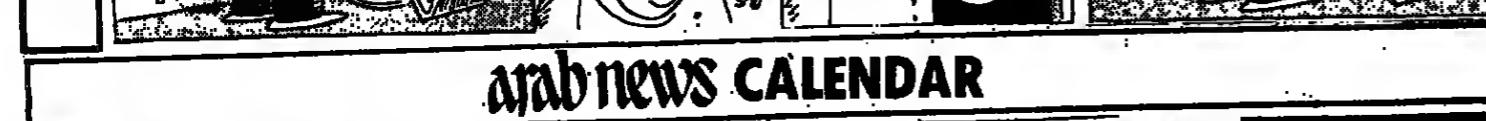
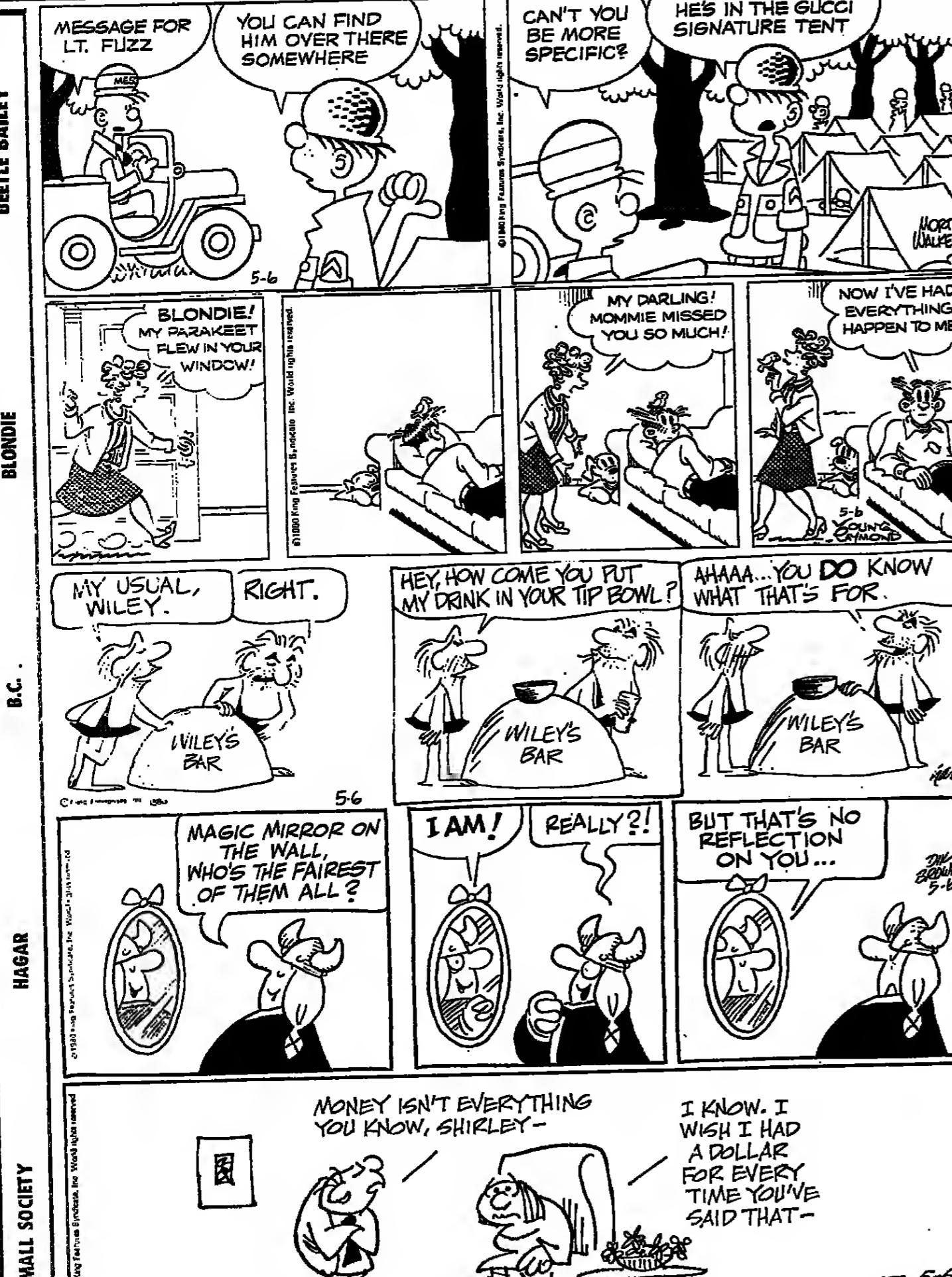
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9:30 Music USA: [Standards]

10:00 News Roundup
Report: Activities
10:05 Opening: Analyses

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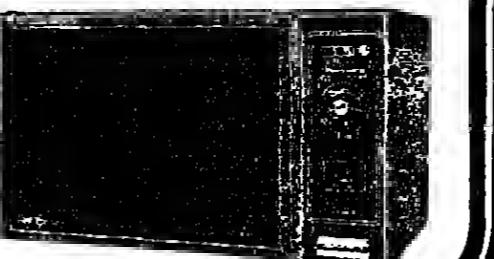
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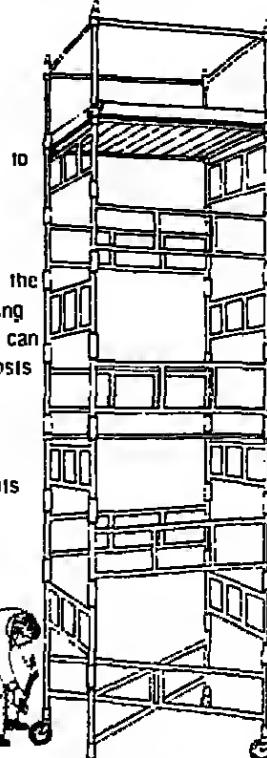
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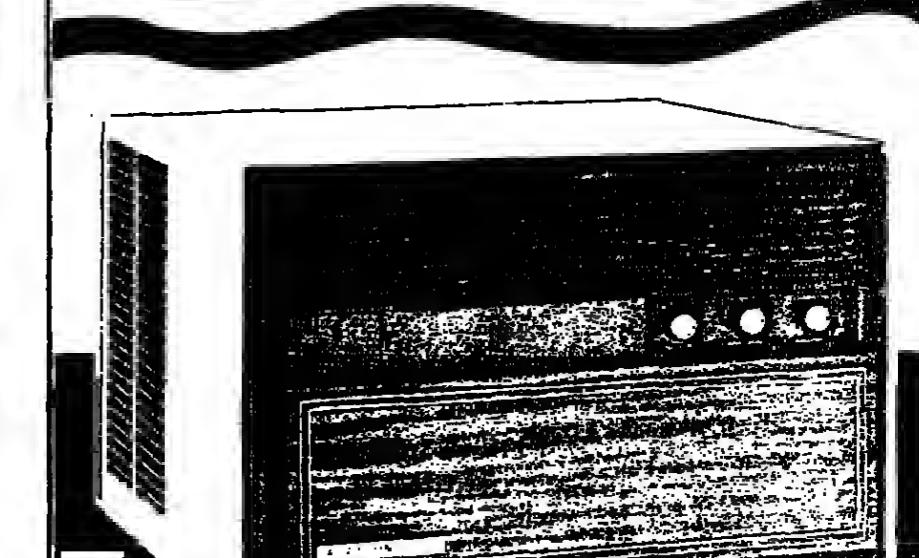
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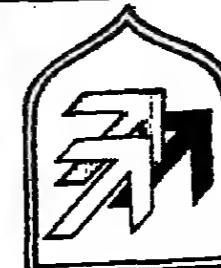
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Tito's death creates power vacuum

Soviets, West, Slavic nationalists could disrupt stability in Balkans

BELGRADE, May 5 (R) — President Josip Broz Tito's death ends an era of powerful significance in eastern Europe creating a dangerous vacuum at a time of international tension.

The Yugoslav leader's vision ranged far beyond his Balkan homeland. Last survivor of the military and political titans of World War II, he was the first Communist party leader to break free from Moscow's control.

As a world statesman, he gained formidable stature. He turned non-alignment into a compelling and credible third force.

His death three days before his 88th birthday comes at a bleak moment after Soviet armed intervention in Afghanistan. The development of new East-West tensions, a resulting slowdown in detente, and a drawn-out crisis over the holding of U.S. hostages in Iran.

In his last months Tito seemed preoccupied over what he saw as a gathering threat to peace. Last May, in an anxious speech, he warned against "attempts to divide the world anew."

News Analysis

As he lay ill in January, Yugoslavia voted with 103 other countries in the U.N. General Assembly for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan. The vote mirrored Tito's sense of history, his vigorous independence and Yugoslavia's own fear of Soviet intervention.

Tito's illness, only days after the Soviet thrust into Afghanistan, provoked a spasm of Yugoslav apprehension.

For Yugoslavs the coincidence was a grim portent, throwback to 1956 when Soviet troops marched into neighboring Hungary, and 1968 when Soviet bloc armies invaded Czechoslovakia. Yugoslavia protested against both actions.

Since 1948, when Tito broke with the Kremlin, Yugoslavs have lived with the fear of a Soviet attack, political intrigue, subversion or attempts at destabilization across the country's 1,700-km eastern borders.

The fears diminished when East-West detente blossomed but revived whenever tension reappeared.

When Tito fell ill in January, with the world still shaken by the Afghan incursion, Yugoslavs felt a graver sense of vulnerability. Belgrade's future leadership seemed still unsettled and there was a strong perception of new perils ahead.

In the intervening weeks, Yugoslavs learned to live with the inevitability of Tito's death. The collective leadership he chose in recent years took over automatically and seemed to function efficiently.

By the time Tito died, the fears had abated and there seemed to be a fresh sense of confidence.

Nevertheless, the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan was seen in Belgrade as potentially more menacing than the

Kremlin's action in crushing reformist government in Hungary and Czechoslovakia, both members of the Soviet-led Warsaw pact. Afghanistan, like Yugoslavia, belongs to the 95-nation non-aligned movement. Its president until last Dec. 27 was a Marxist who apparently fell out with the Kremlin and his successor is a loyal supporter of the Soviet Union.

Yugoslavs see chilling similarities. Tito posed a successful challenge to Moscow for 32 years. In "Communist terms" he was the arch-reformer, a deviationist on basic issues of policy and dogma.

Despite periodic attempts to patch up inter-state relations, Josef Stalin's successors in the Kremlin never forgave him for his revolt against Soviet political control.

In 1948, Stalin threatened: "I will shake my little finger, and there will be no more Tito." Soviet bloc armies marched menacingly up and down Yugoslavia's borders and the Kremlin imposed a massive economic blockade.

Tito's breakaway regime survived and eventually flourished, evolving innovative new forms and setting a contagious example for Eastern Europe and later for the Eurocommunists of Western Europe.

The Yugoslav leader never abandoned the Marxist faith he embraced as a locksmith's apprentice in the old Austro-Hungarian Empire. But gradually he relaxed the dictatorship he imported from the Soviet Union.

When he died the 22 million Yugoslavs enjoyed greater personal liberty, virtually unhampered freedom to travel and higher living standards than anywhere else in Eastern Europe. Yugoslavia was the only Communist country to boast of having a consumer society.

Tito became a popular and even beloved national leader. He maintained strict one-party rule, although he pioneered a unique system of workers' control and self-management of state industry under a decentralized government.

His party maintained supreme authority, but it was softer, and gentler than in any of the countries of the Soviet bloc. When Hungarian Communists braved Soviet tanks in Budapest in 1956, they followed the independent "Titoist" road charted by Yugoslavia. Czechoslovakia's vain search for "socialism with a human face," 12 years later, was inspired by Tito's ideal.

Although the Soviet Union may hope for a weaker Yugoslavia after Tito, leaders here do not expect warlike actions from Moscow. "There is a threat but no imminent danger," said one official.

Nevertheless, the country's 270,000-strong armed forces are on alert to meet all contingencies. Eight million civilians have been trained as a home army, ready for guerrilla warfare, sabotage, police action against foreign subversion.

Yugoslavia's geographical location in



NON-ALIGNED: President Josip Broz Tito, who died Sunday, is shown in this 1960 photograph following talks with Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser. The place was the Yugoslav embassy in New York and the subject of the discussion was non-alignment.

the Balkans, historically Europe's "powder keg," is both strategic and perilous. Belgrade is within easy striking distance from Soviet forces based in or convoyed across Hungary. Neighboring Bulgaria is a hard-line Soviet bloc state with fast sea links to Russia.

For 30 years, Bulgaria has quarreled with Yugoslavia over the Macedonians who live in both countries. This is a potential source of trouble, and Yugoslavs believe it could be exploited by Moscow.

With Tito gone, Yugoslavia confronts daunting problems in maintaining national unity, consolidating party and state leadership, and in overcoming economic strains that are among Europe's worst.

In a country that has been united only for 60 years, Belgrade faces enormous pressures from regional groups whose historical tendency has been to separate and fight rather than cooperate.

Tito, often called the only real Yugoslav, had the flair, authority and political dexterity to keep Serbs and Croats

together, and to dampen the resentments felt by northern Slovenia over development aid channeled to southern Montenegro and Macedonia.

In the 1970s, Tito cracked down against nationalists within the Communist parties of Serbia and Croatia. In Muslim areas of Bosnia, there are fears of an Islamic backlash. Almost everywhere, there is a strong sense of regional identity and separation is a potent force.

Tito's successors face their major test in continuing his adroit policy of national togetherness. They are convinced that failure could produce disruption and chaos, making Yugoslavia vulnerable to Soviet pressure or penetration.

The new leadership believes it may be threatened also by militant Serbian and Croatian nationalist emigres living in the West who in recent years mounted frequent terror attacks against the Tito regime.

There is a lesser fear from pro-Soviet hardliners who may be tempted into new activity or turn to Moscow for support.

Despite rising prices

Japan shoppers lead list of Hong Kong spenders

HONG KONG, May 5 (AP) — Tourists are spending more than ever before in this shoppers' paradise and the Japanese are out-spending everyone else. But the once free-wheeling Americans have fallen far behind on the list of big spenders.

Undaunted by rising prices, more than 2.2 million tourists from around the globe poured the equivalent of nearly \$1.2 billion into the Hong Kong economy during 1979 — more than \$765 million just on shopping.

"Shopping is still the thing for coming to Hong Kong," said Henry B.C. Cheng, a spokesman for the Hong Kong Tourist Association. "And our policy now and for the next few years is to attract high-yield visitors who stay longer and spend more."

Since the early 1970's when the tourist association began conducting shopping surveys, the Japanese have been the biggest spenders. In 1979, the average Japanese tourist spent \$475, primarily on handbags.

'Big as palm trees'

Angry Ping 'monsters' terrify Thai villagers

BANGKOK, May 5 (AP) — Villagers who live near the River Ping north of here say two black monsters "as big as palm trees" have risen from the depths to take revenge because a fisherman stole some of their eggs.

Thousands of villagers from miles away gathered the next night in Kamphaeng province and a religious ceremony was performed at the edge of the water, but the Loch Ness-style monsters failed to reappear, Thai newspapers report.

It all started last Thursday when fisherman Prachob Pongpaew dove into the river to look for fish and discovered 17 strange eggs linked to each other as big as watermelons, the newspapers report.

The next night, according to the English-language daily *Bangkok Post*, thousands of

wallets, jewelry with precious stones, perfume, lighters, cigarettes, handicrafts and Chinese medicine.

In a three-way tie for second place on the extravagant shoppers list are the Spaniards, Taiwanese and Australians who spent an average of about \$400 apiece. They were followed by tourists from the Middle East, Central and South America, South Korea, West Germany, Belgium, Austria, the Philippines and Italy.

The Americans tied for 10th place with the Thais, spending an average of about \$300.

American tourists led the world in purchases of antiques and carved stones, tied the Japanese in buying souvenirs and handicrafts — but were only average buyers of jewelry, watches and clothing which were the top items for U.S. shoppers in the early 1970's.

The low-spending bargain hunters include the Swiss, Indians, Pakistanis and Sri Lankans, South Africans, Scandinavians. French

people lined the banks of the Ping to wait for the monsters.

A shrine was set up near the water and a traditional "krathong" carrying a candle and incense was floated out into the current. A medium, Oon Chok-Kao, said the krathong would be swallowed up by a whirlpool where the monsters were believed to be living.

According to Oon, this whirlpool was once regarded as a sacred place. In ancient times, men accused of crimes were sent out into the river, where the innocent were expected to survive and the guilty to be swallowed up by the whirlpool.

The Post also reported that after the sighting of the monsters, villagers refrained from bringing their buffaloes to bathe in the river.

keeps prices very competitive. "In Hong Kong, you just can't do it because of overhead. At least 40 to 60 per cent of business is for locals," he said.

The variety of products available has made it possible to please a world market with very different tastes, he said.

For instance, he said, the Southeast Asians who comprise 28 per cent of Hong Kong's visitors are the biggest purchasers of ready-made clothes, cosmetics, toys and food.

In comparison, the Japanese who make up 23 per cent of Hong Kong's tourists, are the largest purchasers of brand-name designer items.

Western Europeans, who constitute the third largest group of visitors with 16 per cent, lead the world in purchases of textiles and photographic equipment, and are large buyers of calculators, antiques, and tailor-made clothes.

The Americans, who represent 14 per cent of the tourist market, favor arts and crafts and antiques. The Australians and New Zealanders, with 7 per cent, are the largest purchasers of consumer durables — ready-made and tailor-made shirts, luggage, shoes, binoculars, radios, televisions, tapes, jewelry, watches and paintings.

"Admittedly, some commodities have gotten more expensive, but they're more expensive everywhere so it doesn't make a difference," Cheng said.

For some tourists, Cheng said, Hong Kong does not live up to its billing as a shopper's paradise.

"The vast majority of complaints we receive are about late delivery of furniture, clothes, glasses. Some tourists also complain that shopkeepers are not polite enough and require them to pay commissions when they pay with credit cards. There are fly-by-night solicitors and some fake goods that we warn tourists to avoid," he said.

A man, a bat, a machine — and memories

By Smart Hertzberg

CHICAGO, May 5 — It was a hot August day. On my way to an appointment in a small town, I drove past an old-fashioned amusement park — a decrepit miniature golf course and two ancient batting cages. A rare sight today. A couple of miles down the road, memories started flowing of batting, baseball and endless summer days when friends and I would play inning after inning in T-shirts, jeans, caps and sneakers, I turned the car around. With my mitt dangling from my handle bars, my bat straddled across the bars firmly secured by each thumb; and my right pants leg carefully rolled up, I pedaled back.

When I got to the park, I took off my suit coat and ambled over to the batting cage. In the cage was one bat and my opponent, the Iron Mike, an automatic pitching machine. He would not play with me unless I put in a quarter. It simply was not right. Nonetheless, I picked up the bat, turned the dial to the slowest possible speed, and deposited his fee. A whirr announced that the first pitch was on the way. Strike one.

Strikes two through seven quickly followed. On the eighth and final pitch, progress was made in the form of the slightest nick of a foul tip. That tease of contact cost me another quarter. Eight more balls followed, and soon I was hitting some rather impressive foul tips and even managing to hit occasional vicious grounders and line drives which were certain to find the holes between desperately diving infielders — had there only been infielders.

Another quarter. Eight more hits. I got some more change and hurried back to my automatic friend whose number I had and who was about to receive a lesson in humility.

In a cocky manner calculated to enrage him, I turned the dial to "fast," resumed my stance, and took my preparatory half-swings while looking as menacing as possible. Either I had him completely psyched out or he needed a tune-up, because the balls were being hurled at me at the same slow speed as before. He did not even have the guts to brush me back as I dug in and slashed out base hits.

Quarter followed quarter. Years of unborn bats had to be given life before I could return to the everyday. Only then was I able to stop. My shirt and the top half of my tie were soaking wet. As I walked back to my car, I realized that the rest of the day was going to be quite uncomfortable.

The next morning I couldn't turn my neck. My shoulder muscles throbbed. Unfortunately, I knew that the Iron Mike was still out there throwing his pitches and earning his quarters.

Windmills remain undefeated. (NYT)

Afghan requests weapons from Islamic nations

ABU DHABI, May 5 (AP) — An Afghan leader visiting the country appealed to Islamic leaders Monday to supply his movement with modern weapons to fight against the Soviet invasion of his country.

"Our fighters are badly in need of weapons capable of dealing with Soviet air power and tanks," Abdul Rasoul Sifi, the president of the Afghan Islamic Alliance for the Liberation of Afghanistan, was quoted as saying by the official Gulf News Agency.

"The people of Afghanistan have already proved their ability to face Soviet forces, despite their superiority, but they are badly in need of such modern weapons," the agency quoted him as saying.

Islamic states, particularly the Gulf states, agreed during the Islamic Conference in Islamabad last January to supply the Afghan fighters with funds to continue their anti-Soviet struggle. But the freedom fighters complain that these promises of help have yet to be fulfilled.

Sifi was also quoted as saying his movement rejects the idea of the establishment of an Afghan government in exile. He said the Afghan liberation movement will establish a government in Afghan liberated territory.

Monday's gold prices

LONDON, May 5 (AP) — Closing gold prices in U.S. dollars per troy ounce:

London	(Closed)
Paris	\$57.46
Frankfurt	\$16.03
Zurich	\$15.50
Hong Kong	\$16.15

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